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American Woodmen.

Seven Hundred Woodmen From Thirty One States Attend Annual Meeting At Cincinnati, Dr. Abner Presiding

New Jersey Contingent, Under Supervision Of Mrs. Rosa F. Hargett, Supervising Deputy, Takes Prominent Part In Convention

Cincinnati, O.—The annaul convention of the American Woodmen, Dr. E. W. D. Abner of Denver, Col., supreme commander, held here the latter part of July, brought the largest gathering known to the history of Woodcraft. More than 700 delegates came from thirty-one states, L. H. Lightner is the supreme clerk.

The New Jersey contingent was especially prominent, under the leadership and direction of Neighbor Rosa Foster Hargett, supervising deputy for New Jersey. From Jersey City Camp, No. 6 came Mrs. Waters, Mrs. C. Nicols, W. G., Mrs. Fannie Rochester, Orange Camp No. 5, Neighbor T. H. Gregory; Cartaret Camp No. 22, J. Watson; Elizabeth Camp No. 11, Mrs. Pattie Lovelace; Paterson Camp No. 14, Stanley Green; Plainfield Camp No. 16, Neighbor H. H. Maury; Englewood Camp No. 19, M. C. Scott; Newark Camp No. 8, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Richards, clerk.

Jersey Camps Win Honors.

The Newark division stood second highest in the honors of thirty-one states as to production of new business during the recent membership drive. Elizabeth Tent No. 11 carried off first honors for the best industrial display, and all articles exhibted were sold.

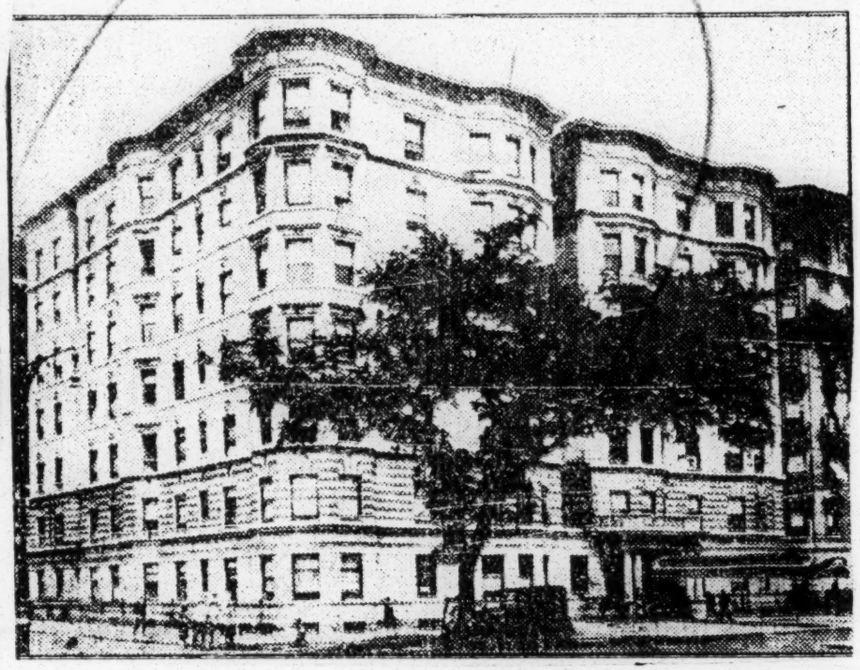
Phladelphia band and uniformed rank took first prizes in all competitive drills. Carteret No. 22, boasts of the Fred Douglass Uniformed Rank, No. 9, composed of twenty-four of the best citizens of that town.

Supervisor Rosa F. Hargett of New Jersey declares that she returns home inspired and encouraged by the favorable work accomplished in her state.

Jersey City Camp No. 6, lost a faithful member by death, Mrs. Elizabeth Torrence, who was buried from Bethel A. M. E. Church, that city, on August 25, the service being conducted by her pastor, the Rev. W. A. Byrd of the Jersey City Independent Church. Mrs. Torrence was also a member of the Eastern Star, the Fishermen and the H. of J.

Orange Camp No. 5 also lost a member through the death of Charles Allen, vice commanader, who was buried from Union Bapttist Church, the Rev. Hughes, pastor, on August 31. Camp ceremonies were conducted on Thursday in the funeral parlors of Mrs. D. D. Woody, 200 Central avenue.

NEW COOPERATIVE APARTMENTS FOR HARLEM



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Ancient Order of Pilgrims.

Convention Draws Many To Houston; Halverton Speaker

The forty-sixth annual conclave of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims, which was organized in Houston during 1882 by the late Henry Cohen Hardy, veteran educator and race leader, and associates, was formally opened Monday night in the auditorium of the Pilgrims' building, West Dallas and Bagby streets, Fourth Ward, when the delegates and visitors were officially welcomed to the city by City Commissioner H. A. Halverton.

In his address of welcome Commissioner Halverton urged his auditors to "continue to live up to the high mark which so many members of the colored race have already set in this city, state and the nation;" adding that "if you will respect yourselves and us, the white race certainly will respect you."

Mr. Halverton discussed the amicable relations existing here between the two races, and cited the gift of $80,000 for a Negro hospital by J. S. Cullinan, local white philanthropist, who not only gave the money, but named the hospital after one of his sons, who fell during the World War. The commissioner admonished the race to show its appreciation of this gift by supporting and backing every movement and program for the Houston Negro Hospital's success and permanency.

The response to the commissioner's welcome was given by E. L. Jackson of Austin, who thanked the municipal representative for his cordial greeting and assured him that the delegates and visitors attending the Pilgrim conclave would not take undue advantage of the Houston spirit.

Additional welcome addresses were delivered by Dr. H. E. Lee and Mrs. Rosa L. Easter, with responses by Dr. F. E. Williams of Marshall and Mrs. Alice Bains Thomas of Waco. Mrs. M. D. Johnson read a paper, "Why I Am A Pilgrim," and Mrs. Lydia Jones elucidated upon "The Progress of the Order." Music was rendered by the superb choir of Wesley Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. B. Butler, pastor, and Mrs. H. M. Middleton, directress.

Business Sessions Tuesday

The first business session was held Tuesday morning, with B. H. Grimes of Houston, supreme worthy shepherd, presiding in his characteristic manner. He counseled the delegates to remember their mission here and to devote their time and energy to the business of the order, rather than in mere social pleasures and amusements.

The royal sceptre degree was conferred Tuesday morning, and the ritualistic consecration ceremony was conducted at high noon. Both were very impressive.

Hundreds of delegates from Texas and Oklahoma are attending the conclave, which is being held in Houston for the second consecutive year.

Patriotic Program Staged

A very interesting and illuminating patriotic program was executed Wednesday morning in the auditorium of the Pilgrims' building, where all sessions and activities of the annual parley are being held, with James D. Ryan, supreme worthy recorder and principal of the Jack Yates High School of Houston, delivering the principal address.

Mr. Ryan recounted the tremendous sacrifices of the early American patriots to found this republic and extolled their spirit which has brought into fruition the outstanding democracy in the world. The speaker urged his hearers to ever stand ready to defend the honor and integrity of America, and to conform their lives in accord and keeping with the fundamentals of Christianity and Americanism.

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Recites Early Struggles

Referring to the Pilgrims, Mr. Ryan recited some of the early struggles of the order, and told how these seemingly insurmountable barriers and insuperable handicaps had only served to make for the present-day solidarity and strength of the fraternity. "We must learn that brotherhood is more than mere giving of the grip and pass word and flashing the distress signal," Mr. Ryan asserted, "but it has a deeper and far more significant meaning than that; literally, it means that we are our brother's keeper, and that, in this capacity, it behooves us to stay on the job at all times, under any and all conditions. The Holy Writ declares that greatness only comes through unselfish service, and there can be no fraternity or brotherhood where love does not abound and abide. Another thing, we must not always be assuming that holier-than-thou attitude, for, as the lamented Lincoln often said, 'There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that doesn't behoove any of us to talk about the rest of us.'"

Reurning to the Declaration of Independence, Mr. Ryan stated that the mere writing of a document could not liberate and free men, unless the men had in them that stuff necessary for maintaining their freedom and liberty.

Reports Submitted Wednesday

At the conclusion of the patriotic feature of the program, B. H. Grimes, supreme worthy shepherd, delivered his annual mesage, which recounted the achievements and accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Mr. Grimes stated that the order was in a healthy condition, numerically and financially, and that great strides were being made by the fraternity in Oklahoma, which state was entered during the latter part of 1926.

The financial report of Supreme Worthy Recorder Ryan revealed that the Pilgrims have gross assets of $376,611.07, with assets in excess of liabilities amounting to $198,207.34. Approximately 60 new sanctuaries were organized during the grand lodge year, and there was no perceptible increase in the death rate.

Other supreme officers to submit their annual reports were Richard G. Lockett of Houston, supreme worthy locker (treasurer), and Dr. H. E. Lee of Houston, supreme medical examiner and chief of staff of the Houston Negro Hospital, who discussed vital statistics in their relation to the order, race and society.

Deceased Members Honored

The ark of condolence, honoring all members of the order who departed during the past year, was held Wednesday afternoon. A very appropriate program was rendered.

The reception for all delegates and visitors was staged Wednesday night, and this was one of the gala events of the annual conclave; being largely attended, with orchestral strains of harmony and tripping the light fantastic toe.

The juveniles had their inning Thursday afternoon, when they were afforded a chance to render a program, which was a very creditable affair.

Big Street Parade Friday

The exhibition drill of the drill corps was held Thursday night, and the street parade will be staged today (Friday), 5:30 p. m. The line of march is as follows: Pilgrims' building to Louisiana, Louisiana to Congress, Congress to Milam, Milam to West Dallas, to starting point.

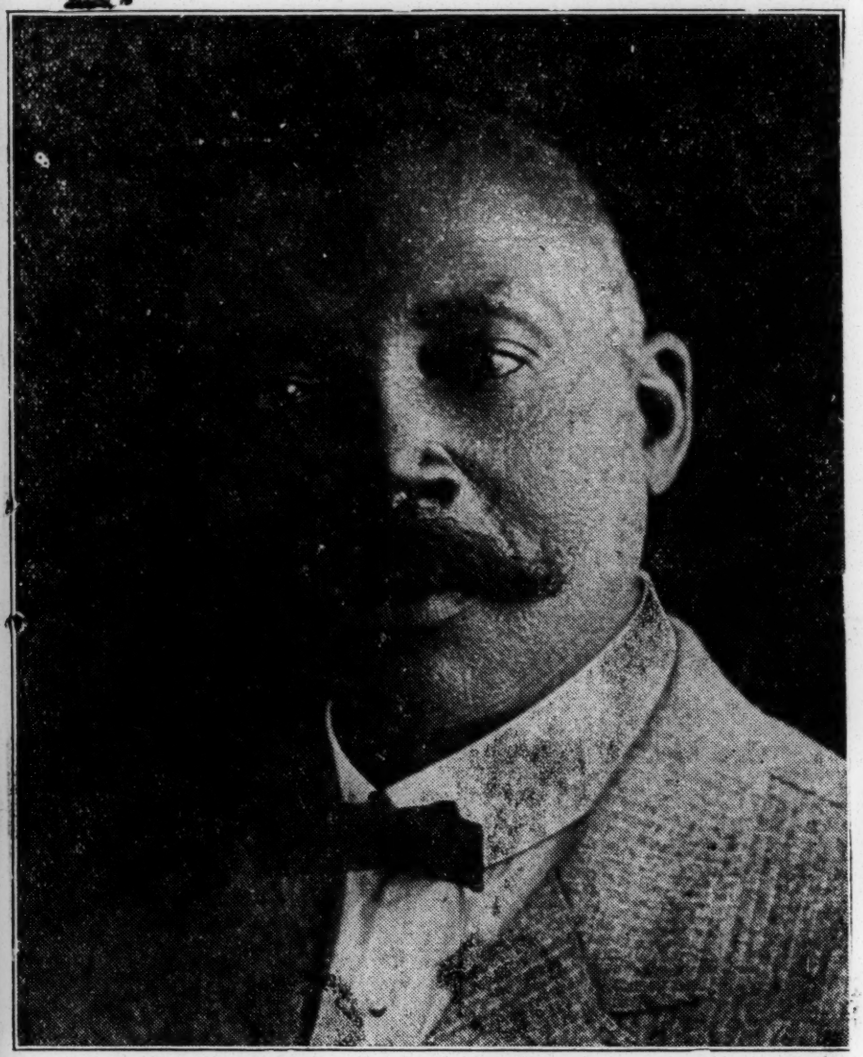
The Pilgrims' brass band, directed by A. D. Ewell, will head the procession. Other bands booked for the parade are Odd Fellows and U. B. F.

The final event of the conclave will be the public installation Friday building.

Committees Function Well

The local committees functioned well in arranging for and entertaining the delegates and visitors. Heading the general committee was R. G. Lockett; William Robinson, vice chairman; H. H. Pear, secretary; Mrs. Rosa L. Easter, assistant secretary; James Stafford, treasurer. The following headed committees: Arrangement, J. B. Grigsby and E. P. Harrison; homes, Mrs. Lula Agent; finance, J. W. Polk; announcement, Miss Lucille Evans; program, John Scott; parade, Mrs. Blanche Jackson.

Pilgrims' Leaders



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Supreme Worthy Shepherd

JAMES D. RYAN, Houston
Supreme Worthy Recorder

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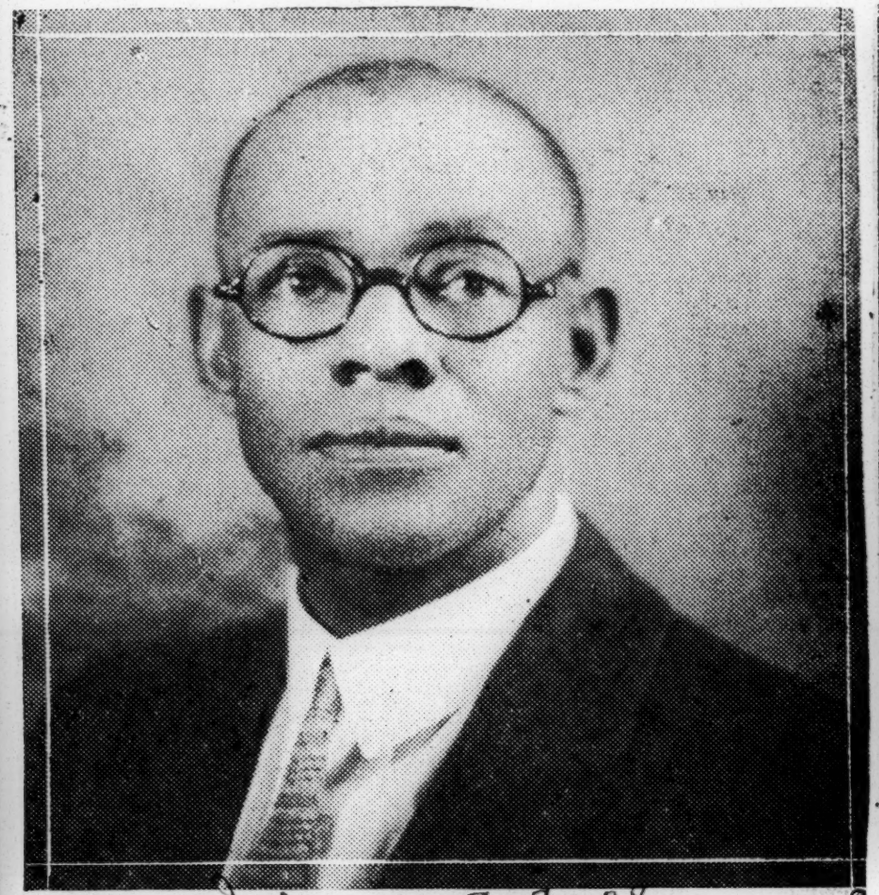
Ancient Order of Pilgrims.



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RICHARD G. LOCKETT, Houston
Supreme Worthy Locker

DR. H. E. LEE, Houston
Supreme Medical Examiner

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Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa

COLUMBUS, O.

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NATIONAL ORDER OF COLORED FOLK TO CONVENE HERE

3500 Expected at Session of Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

More than 3500 Negroes will be in Columbus Aug. 6-11 for the twenty-first annual session of the National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

Besides 638 official delegates, there will be 3000 members of the military department. The latter will be encamped at "Camp Franklin" in Maryland Park, Fairfield Ave. and Atcheson St. Daily sessions of the grand council will be held in Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon and Hamilton Aves.

The order is now operating in most of the northern, eastern and some of the western and southern states. Basic principles of the order are facial solidarity, racial unity and racial reciprocity. It has assets amounting to more than $106,000.

Among the impotant measures to be considered by the council is the purchase or erection of a building for the order in Chicago. Growth of the order in Illinois, under the state grand queen, Mrs. Eliza Jackson, has necessitated the location of a headquarters building in Chicago.

William Herbert Fields, St. Louis, is founder and national grand master of the order.

A parade and drill contests by the military department will be features of the convention. Preparation to entertain the grand council are under the leadership of Mrs. Cora B. Villiams, 159 N. Eighteenth St., state grand queen of Ohio.

Columbus Welcomes Annual Session of U. K. and D. of A.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 10.—Sunday was a day long to be remembered by thousands of men, women and children who are members of the A. U. K. & D. of A. and their friends. From 7 o'clock in the morning until 4 p. m. over 5,000 delegates arrived on special trains from Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Missouri, Indiana, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Virginia, Kentucky and California.

Monday at 11 a. m. William H. Fields, national grand master of St. Louis, Mo., accompanied by the grand officers, delegates and the general public, held an open session at Shiloh Baptist church, Mt. Vernon and Hamilton Aves.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. L. Scott, national grand chaplain of Des Moines, Iowa, and Chicago. Benjamin H. Mosby of Chicago was elected minute clerk for the session. On motion of Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Miss Lucille Wooley of St. Louis, Mo., was elected assistant minute clerk.

The military department was presented to the grand council by Maj. Gen. John A. Shackelford of St. Louis, Mo.

Robert B. Barcus, assistant attorney general of Ohio and grand chancellor of the K. of P., welcomed the delegates. In the evening a public reception was given in honor of the delegates in Memorial hall.

Seated in the center of the speakers' table at the banquet with the grand officers were John H. Thomas, mayor of the city, and S. T. Dunkle, secretary to Governor Vic Donahey. The mayor welcomed the delegates in behalf of the citizens of Columbus and Mr. Dunkle in behalf of the state in the absence of the governor.

Dr. J. H. Tyler, Mrs. Cora E. Williams, state grand queen; Dr. T. L. Scott, Rev. S. T. Davis, grand secretary-treasurer; Benj. H. Mosby and M. T. Bailey also delivered short addresses.

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Kansas City was selected for the next meeting place.

A. U. K. & D. OF A. CONVENES IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 8.—Hundreds of delegates, representing many states, were present when the national convention of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa was called to order by National Grand Master Wm. H. Fields of St. Louis in Shiloh Baptist Church Monday.

Mayor J. H. Thomas welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city and Secretary of State S. T. Dunkle in behalf of the state.

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NEXT SESSION OF A. U. K. AND D. OF A. HERE

National Convention, Meeting in Columbus, Chooses Kansas City

COLUMBUS, O.—The next session of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa will be held in Kansas City, Mo., according to the vote here at the close of the national convention this week.

Grand Master William H. Fields accompanied by other grand officers and delegates, held a public opening session Monday morning at Shiloh Baptist church. All day Sunday delegates and visitors numbering 5,000 streamed in Columbus from Missouri, New York, Indiana, Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, New Jersey, California, Kentucky, Rhode Island and Virginia.

At the banquet welcoming the order, Mayor John H. Thomas welcomed the order to the city and S. T. Dunkle, secretary to Governor Donahey, gave the welcome on behalf of the state.

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Chickasaw Workmen's and Women's Society.

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NEGRO FRATERNITY TO HAVE NEW HOME SOON

Contract Let for Erecting Chickasaw Lodge House.

Contract has been awarded to W. C. Stout for the construction at the corner of North Main Street and Saffrans Avenue of a new two-story brick and stone building to house the Chickasaw Workmen's and Women's Society, a colored fraternal organization of Memphis.

The lodge quarters will be among the most modern in the city for negroes. A store and restaurant on the ground floor will provide additional income.

Financing of the project has been in the hands of Dr. J. W. Motley, lodge leader and secretary of the organization.

Every facility for fraternal and welfare work has been incorporated in the plans and specifications, which were prepared by Raymond B. Spencer, architect.

Work will get under way on the new building in about 10 days. Plans call for completion within 90 days.

The building and ground represent an investment of approximately $20,000.

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Elks.

HOLSTEIN SELLS LIBERTY HALL TO MI-TEE MONARCHS

Big Elks Lodge Secures Former Garvey Home For Home, Temple

At the regular meeting of the Monarch Lodge, No. 45, I. B. P. O. E. of W., on Monday evening, January 9, unanimous approval was given to the purchase of Liberty Hall, former headquarters of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (the Garvey organization) as a site for a temple and home. The property is beng purchased from Casper Holstein, past exalted ruler of Monarch Lodge, and one of the most prominent Elks in New York.

Mr. Holstein has refused several offers to sell the property to white builders at a substantial profit and is letting the Lodge have it for what it cost him, simply because he is ambitious to have his lodge own and occupy the largest and finest temple in Elkdom.

Bought At Foreclosure

The property was secured from the Garvey organization by Mr. Holstein at a foreclosure sale nearly two years ago. His purpose in buying it was misunderstood and he was charged with being the agent for white brokers who were anxious to get the plot as a site for new apartment houses. Although he had befriended the U. N. I. A. by several loans, this organization made all kinos of charges against him, going so far as to take the matter to court and having the first sale voided because the auctioneer was alleged to have refused to accept the money due from the Association.

When the resae was held, Mr. Holstein was again the high bidder but showed a remarkable spirit of forgiveness by allowing the U. N. I. A. to continue using the hall for their meetings.

Officers Installed

No information was given out as to the details of the Elks building program or when work on the new temple would begin.

The Monday night meeting was also installation night. The following officers were installed for the new year: Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, exalted ruler; James D. Turner, esteemed leading knight; Frank Shields, esteemed lecturing knight; Elias Watson, esteemed loyal knight; ;Russell West, secretary; John W. Duncan, treasurer; James Keyes ,inner guard; Daniel Tice, Tiler; Richard Jackson, esquire; and the following trustees: William Marshall, John Thompson, Jerry Strothers, Dr. Scott and Lewis Williams.

Alderman Fred R. Moore, who is an honorary member of Monarch Lodge, was present at the installation and was given a warm and enthusiastic greeting by the members present, being paid the highest lodge honors.

ELKS' CASE POSTPONED

Absence of Lawyer Delays the Suit to Stop Use of Name

MEMPHIS, TENN., Mar. 28. — Contempt of court proceedings against members and officers of the Conqueror Lodge No. 450. started last Tuesday by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 27. were continued Saturday by Chancellor D. W. Darwen until this Saturday, the defendants stated that Charles M. Bryan, their attorney, was out of the city.

The White Elks seek to have the Race fraternal organization cited for using the name of "Elks" their ritual and insignias in the face of a chancery decision of 1909, affirmed by the supreme court, that held the Negro fraternity would be in contempt to further persist in such usage.

Newt Estes, attorney for the B. P. O. Elks charges in his citation that the lodge, which is affiliated with the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has been violating this court order recently and referring to its membership and activities as "Elks." R. R. "Bog" Church. R. Q. Venson, S. W. Qualls and James Wright, officers and members of the Negro organization are named defendants.

White Elks Seek To Restrain Negro Elks In Memphis

Memphis, Tenn., March 28.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—A petition has been filed here in the Chancery Court by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 27, citing officers and members of the Conquerer Lodge No. 450, of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, to show cause why they are not in contempt of court for using the word "Elks" in referring to their lodge and activities.

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Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
Monday, April 23, 1928

NEGRO ORATORICAL CONTEST TONIGHT

By J. C. MARDENBOROUGH

Having the assurance of the loyal support of both white and colored citizens, what promises to be the most interesting educational program sponsored by the colored people of this city, will take place at Tabernacle Baptist church, tonight at 8 o'clock.

The oratorical contest sponsored by Caldwell lodge and Electric City temple order of Elks will be beyond doubt the literary classic of the season. In presenting to the public this literary treat, Paine College, Walker Baptist and Haines Institutes have selected their best talents to appear in this notable event. The speakers have been well trained and their orations carefully prepared, assuring the public an evening of high class and instructive literary entertainment.

The subject to be orated is the "Constitution of the United States." It is indeed fortunate that the Elks have selected this theme for their orations thus giving to the public an opportunity to glean valuable information, regarding one of the most carefully prepared governing documents ever framed for the government of a nation.

Interest in contest

Interest in this contest is further augmented by the fact that three of the leading fraternal men of the country will be present. The Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson, the commissioner of education, Judge W. C. Hueston and Grand Trustee, R. E. Pharrow, will be here as representatives of the Grand Lodge of Elks.

The Order of Elks is the only colored fraternal organization offering scholarships and having a department of education connected with its organization. Each year scholarships of four years duration are offered and awarded to every State in the Union. It is not necessary that those who compete in these oratorical contests should be identified with the order, but the contests are to high school students throughout the country. While the department is of recent organization. It has an ambitious program before it and is destined to become important and beneficial contribution that the Elks are making to humanity. Within the next two years the Elks will be supporting annually over 200 students in their efforts to gain college educations.

To Represent Augusta

It may be well to mention that the local contest has for its purpose the selection of a contestant to represent the high schools of Augusta in the coming State oratorical contest which will be held in the city of Atlanta, Ga., the latter part of the week. It is the ardent desire of those who are sponsoring the local contest to have a representative of the high schools of this city gain this distinction and bring to Augusta the honor of having been awarded the scholarship offered to Georgia.

Following is the program:
Opening ....Negro National Anthem
Invocation ....Rev. D. F. Thompson
Scripture Reading, Rev. I. J. Yancey
Instruction of Master of Ceremony—
.....A. C. Cannal
R. E. Pharrow, Master of Ceremony
Address .....Judge W. C. Hueston
Selection .....Electric City Temple
Musical Selection ....Paine College
Oration "The Constitution"—
...Paine College—Janesta Lyons
Musical Selection ..Haines Institute
Oration on the Constitution—
..Haines Institute—Leola Dugas
Musical Selection ...Walker Baptist Institute
Oration, "The Constitution of the United States ..Walker Baptist Institute.
Musical Selection ..The Brown Trio, Victoria Byrd.
Address .....J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler.
Response .....Rev. J. C. Anderson
Announcement of the Judges—
Closing Hymn ..God of Our Fathers

The exercises will begin promptly at 8 p. m., and will not be over 1:45 minutes duration. It is urgently requested that both white and colored Augusta cooperate with Caldwell Lodge and Electric City Temple in their efforts to make this the most successful contest held in Georgia.

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LOUISIANA NEGRO ELKS GATHER FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Hundreds Attend Big Convention in Crescent City

Hundreds of negro Elks of Louisiana gathered in New Orleans at the second annual convention of the Negro Antlers Crescent City Lodge 299 and the Winter Capital Lodge 595 on Thursday and Friday.

The sessions were held at the Crescent City Lodge Rest, in the old Jewish Synagogue building, South Rampart street near Erato street. Many prominent leaders of the negro race in Louisiana were present at the convention including Dr. J. S. Clark, president of Southern University, Dr. A. W. Brazier, of New Orleans, Dr. R. M. Baranco of Baton Rouge, Joseph P. Gedde, A. L. Lopis, Dr. L. A. Butler of Lafayette Dr. John T. Miller of Monroe, E. D. Burke and Dr. C A. Pemberton of New Iberia.

The meeting endorsed Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finly Wilson, of Washington, D. C., for re-election as head of the Improved Protective Order of Elks of the World. The election will be held in Chicago.

The state officers named for 1928-29 are Dr. W. D. Thomas, Scotlandville, president; W. J. Huntley, New Orleans, first vice-president; Frank Gray, Franklin, second vice-president; N. S. Harrison, Lake Charles, third vice-president; Dr. John T. Miller, Monroe, secretary; Cilton J. Muton, Lafayette, assistant secretary; Dr. L. A. Butler, Lafayette, treasurer; Rev. J. Gordon McPherson, New Orleans, chaplain; Robert Outtz, Monroe, esquire; Rev. Scott Obey, New Orleans, inner guard; tyler, H. E. Carter, Scotlandville; Dr. A. W. Brazier, New Orleans, medical director; J. A. Thornton, New Orleans, legal advisor; R. L. Opis, New Orleans, master social session; Dr. R. L. Baranco, E. D. Burke, trustees; and auditors as follows: Victor Jones, New Orleans, Dr. C. A. Pemberton, New Iberia, and A. L. Bruno, Monroe.

Officers elected in the state Association of Daughter Elks were: President, J. Miller, New Orleans; first vice-president, F. Benton, Bogalusa; second vice-president, E. Green, Lake Providence; secretary, E. K. Thomas, Scotlandville; assistant secretary, E. V. Blond, New Orleans; treasurer, M. G. Miller, Monroe; chaplain, M. L. Obee, New Orleans; organist, O. H. Clark, Scotlandville; escort, A. Antoine, New Orleans; gate keeper, D. R. Gray, Franklin; door keeper A. Bell.

COURT HOLDS NEGRO LODGE IN CONTEMPT

Elks Win Chancery Court Citation Proceedings.

Conqueror Lodge No. 450, negro fraternal organization, yesterday was adjudged in contempt of court by Chancellor M. C. Ketchum for using the name, insignia and ritual of the B. P. O. Elks, but escaped sentence or fine when the court held that the contempt was merely of a slight technical character.

Contempt proceedings were started by Lodge No. 27, of the local Elks, when officers of the fraternity learned that the negro lodge, affiliated with the Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, was referring its membership as "Elks," in violation of an injunction granted 20 years ago.

This injunction restrained the lodge from infringing, in any way, on the ritual of the Elks or using the term "Elk" in connection with its activities.

At yesterday's hearing it developed that since this injunction was issued there had been an agreement reached by the grand lodges of both organizations as to the use of the name and that the negro fraternity here had openly been using the name for the past year, under the impression that it was no longer prohibitive.

Charles M. Bryan, representing the negro organization, promised, in open court, that the lodge would abstain from any future violation of the 20-year-old chancery order.

Chancellor Ketchum then dismissed the citation, assessing the costs against the defendant lodge. Newt Estes represented the complaining organization.

$1,000,000 Building Program Of Monarch Lodge of Elks Opens An Employment Opportunity To Race

Skilled Artisans, Brick Masons, Carpenters, Hod Carriers and Other Laborers, Given Jobs; Negro Workers Are Half of Force

The constructon of a six-story elevator apartment house on 138th street, adjoining Abyssinian Baptist Church is proving a boon to Harlem residents employed in the building trades. The apartment house is a part of the $1,000,000 building program of Monarch Lodge, No. 45, I. B. P. O. E. of W.

Although the foundation was just completed last week, the brick work has progressed so rapidly, the building has risen to the second floor as The Age goes to press.

Negro Workmen Employed.

Of the forty bricklayers, hod carriers and carpenters now at work there more than half are Negroes and according to Casper Holstein, head of the incorporated building committee under whose auspices the structure is being erected, mechanics or laborers of our group will be used wherever possible.

The apartments were expected to be ready for occupancy by the first of January, 1929, but if the present rate of progress is continued, they will be completed a month or two earlier.

Negro bricklayers, who, before this job, had to go to The Bronx or Queens to get work, are doing the bulk of the brick work on this building. Several Harlem carpenters and other skilled mechanics are also employed. Because of the close proximity of the job to their homes they are enabled to save car fare and time spent to and from work.

Good Investmen Offered.

Another benefit that may accrue to Harlem through the construction of these apartments is the opportunity to purchase second mortgage bonds, payment for which is guaranteed by the building and income, on the installment plan, in denominations of $25, $50 and $100. These bonds bear interest at 6 per cent and may be purchased at the Monarch Elks Home, 245 West 137th street, or through The New York Age. This is one of the best investments ever offered in Harlem.

Offcers of the Monarch Lodge Apartments, Inc., are: Casper Holstein, president; Benjamin F. Brown jr., secretary; John Duncan, treasurer; Alderman Fred R. Moore, trustee.

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25,000 MARCH IN BIG PARADE

Nat'l Oratorical Contest Finals Held Monday

PROGAM OFFERS VARIETY OF EVENTS

Delegates Here from Every Section of the Country and Some Foreign Lands; Marching Clubs Vie With Each Other for First Honors.

J. Finley Wilson was re-elected grand exalted ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World by unanimous vote of the delegates at the meeting held at Wendell Phillips High School last night.

The regular order of business was suspended and his election held two days before it was scheduled as a tribute to his record as head of the organization.

Municipal Judge Francis Borrelli, one of the speakers Tuesday night praise dthe American Negro for the progress he has made.

Thousnds and thousands of Elks, headed by Finley J. Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, continued to pour in from all parts of the U. S. and some foreign centers up to late Tuesday evening to attend the 29th annual convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, which had its official opening sessions Monday morning.

As a result of the thousands of Elks invading the city, S. State Street, Chicago's main thoroughfare, has taken on new life. This street and numerous others were crowded with visitors and delegates to the Elk's convention. The multitude spent most of Monday going to and from the various delegation headquarter registering and getting acquainted.

The Fort Dearborn Lodge No. 44 and the Great Lakes Lodge No. 43, are hosts to this great Benevolent Order.

They have arranged a wonderful and interesting program, thru the chairman of the entertainment committee, Alderman Louis B. Anderson.

Unveil Monument to Mrs. Lee

The first event on the program which was carried out by the Elks was the unveiling of a monument to the Past Grand Daughter Ruler, Henrietta P. Lee, at Lincoln Cemetery, Sunday.

There were memorial services conductd by Rev. Avant, Grand Chaplain, at the Metropolitn Center, at 2 p. m., that same day and a touching sermon was rendered by various prominent ministers.

Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Wilson rapped his gavel on the pulpit of the Wendell Phillips High School Auditorium Monday morning and the first session of the formal opening of the convention was in progress.

There was a public reception given in honor of the Grand Lodge Officers, delegates and visitors.

In the meantime there was a monster all-day picnic given for the conventioneers Chernaukas Grove. A great number of them journeyed out to the Grove and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Sandwiches and other refreshments were served. The afternoon, fortunately, was an ideal one for a picnic or ny outdoor affair because the weather was extremely hot.

The National Oratorical Contest was an interesting number on the program and many contestants competed. The topics discussed were: The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. There was such close competition on these subjects that no decision was rendered at the culmination of the contest.

Tuesday morning found the Elks in session of the Grand Lodge at Wendell Phillips High School. Their program was so arranged that they transacted their business affairs in the morning and enjoyed themselves in the latter part of the day.

Spectacular Parade

One of the most interesting events on the program was the spectacular Elks' parade with Major R. R. Jackson as Grand Marshall The reviewing stand was located at 36th and Wabash avenue.

The Eighth Infantry Illinois National Guard with Colonel Otis B. Duncan, commanding, was the escort for the gala parade.

This grand parade started at 51st and Prairie avenue, with the Eighth Infantry, National Guard, the escort division as the leader. Next in order came the First Division in charge of General Chas. Redd. His assistants were Capt. J. H. Williams, aide-de-camp and Lieut. D. H. Jones, aide-de-camp.

There was a company known as the flag company. They assembled at the corner of 50th and Prairie avenue. This company consisted of one American flag from each organization.

The Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson, was seated in a car accompanied by his high executive aides. The Grand Daughter Ruler, was in a separate car with her staff of officers.

The 2nd division was commanded by Col. James DeWarren; the 3rd division was commanded by Capt. Jesse Pennington; the 4th division was in command of Capt. Wm. Middleton; 5th division was commanded by Capt. Alonzo Samuels; 6th division was in command of Capt. W. H. Hinton; 7th division was commanded by Capt. Jos. Moore and the 8th division was in command of Capt. Henry Lacey.

The parade from 51st Street and Prairie avenue, north to 46th Street, East on 46th Street to South Parway, South Parkway to 32nd Street, West on 32nd Street to Wabash avenue, South on Wabash avenue to 37th Street, to Giles avenue, south on Giles avenue to Pershing Road, where they disbanded. They were back to the Fort Dearborn Lodge when the parade reached its destination.

There was a grand ball given at the Coliseum in honor of the Elks and thousands thronged the huge building to frolic to the enchanting strains of the two large orchestras.

After the grand lodge sessions at the high school and the Grand Temple session at the Community Center Church, Wednesday morning the Elks conducted a national band contest at the White Sox Baseball Park. There were approximately twenty bands that took part in the contest.

Other arrangements that are on the program as as follows:

Wednesday, August 29

1 p. m.—Baseball at the White Sox Park, between Chicago and Detroit. 8 p. m.—Boxing at White Sox ball park. 8 p. m.—Mardi Gras parade and grand ball at the 8th Regiment Armory.

Thursday, August 30th

9 a. m.—Sessions of the grand lodge and the grand temple. 12 p. m.—Finals of the bathing beauty contest at the Metropolitan theatre, all week.

Friday, August 31st

9 a. m.—Sessions of the grand lodge and the grand temple. Sightseeing trip through Chicago's parks and beauty spots.

Saturday, September 1st

9 a. m.—Closing sessions of the grand lodge and grand temple.

A Chicago lodge, the Western Union No. 815, yesterday won the right ao continue to hold a carnival at E. 47th street and S. Wabash avenue for entertaining the delegtes. Superior Judge William N. Gemmill issued an injunction restraining the police from interfering. Police closed the carnival Saturday because of alleged gambling devices. The judge ruled that this was discrimination.

WE MUST SHIFT LEADERS SAYS ARMOND SCOTT

2,200 Hear Washington Attorney At Elk Anniversary Service

DEVELOP SPIRIT OF COOPERATION

Back Door, Kow Towing Jim Crow Race Leader Must Go

Back door, kow towing leaders who sell out for a mess of pottage must go, declared Armond W. Scott, D. C. attorney, at the second anniversary of the Pride of Baltimore lodge of Elks held at Metropolitan M. E. Church Sunday.

"We must teach our children to feel that they are inferior to no one, regardless of race or color and the group must co-operate with one another to the end that we establish economic independence," declared the speaker.

Praising the progress of the Pride of Baltimore Lodge under the administration of Dr. James H. Hilburn, Mr. Scott declared that any order which is made up of fraternal hypocrites and human parisites, must sooner or later be numbered with the forgotten past. Charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity, are the foundation principles upon which the order is built.

What the race needs most today is fearless and unselfish Christian leaders imbued with the spirit of human brotherhood. We need race consciousness and solidarity. The speaker paid a tribute to the AFRO-AMERICAN stating that it was in the forefront in independent racial development. He urged the Elks to practice the spirit of cooperation in business.

Hilburn Gives History

Exalted Ruler James H. Hilburn gave a short history of the Pride of Baltimore Lodge in which she showed that the organization had distributed more than $100 in sick claims $1,700 to worthy charities and $1,300 to equipt a private room at Provident Hospital. Fifteen members of the order had died during the last two years.

Miss Ida R. Cummings, Daughter Ruler, also reported the progress made by her division.

Other numbers included a processional. Invocation by the Rev. Ernest Williams and an address by W. Emmett Coleman, Deputy. "Gloria" was sung by a male chorus. The speaker was introduced by Truly Hatchett, Exalted Ruler of Monumental Lodge.

Among the special out-of-town guests and visiting Elks were Daughter Ruler and Members of Octavia Branch Temple, of Chase, Md. Exalted Ruler and members of Private Chase Lodge, Exalted Ruler and members of Sparrows Point Lodge, officers and members of Towson, Md. Lodge. Daughter Alexina Wilson and J. Wilson, members of Keystone Temple and Quaker City Lodge, respectively, of Philadelphia.

1,100 Members

When the Pride of Baltimore Elks Lodge was organized two years ago there were a little less than 300 members with hardly no funds. Today the lodge boasts of having 1,110 financial members and ample funds in the treasury. The roster of the lodge's activities claim a marching club, consisting of over 70 members, a 35 piece band, two orchestras under the direction of Percy Glascoe and Irving Hughes, both of musical fame, three radio clubs, a bowling team of ten men, a whist club of 20 men, a billiard club consisting of 40 men, a team of eight men, a thrift club and a Past Exalted Rulers Club.

The officers of the Pride of Baltimore lodge are: James H. Hilburn Exalted Ruler; Emory R. Cole, E. L. K.; D. W. Richardson, E. L. K.; G. D. Rawlings, E. L. K.; Frank Mark, Esquire; William W. Sears, Tiler; Ernest Williams, Chaplain; Addison E. Johnson, Secretary; John L. Berry Treasurer; Morris Henson, Inner Guard.

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Moose Obtain Writ On Colored Lodge

Plainfield Group Is Cited in Attempt to Restrain Use of Name

Emblems Declared Similar

Vice Chancellor Berry today signed an order directing the Nemderoloc Lodge, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose, of Plainfield to show cause December 4 why it should not be restrained from using its corporate name or any other name containing the word Moose.

Application was made by Philip J. Schotland, representing the Supreme Lodge of the World of the Loyal Order of Moose, an Indiana corporation, and Newark Lodge No. 237, Loyal Order of Moose. The Plainfield organization is a colored lodge.

The order directs the Nemderoloc Lodge to show cause why it should not be restrained from representing itself as in any way connected with the Loyal Order of Moose, from using any device or emblem showing a moose, and from using a ritual similar to that of the Loyal Order of Moose.

The petition states that "men of the colored race are prohibited from becoming members of the complainant's grand lodge." It charges that the emblem of the defendants is so similar to that of the Loyal Order of Moose that it is calculated to deceive and has been injurious to members of the order in business and social activities.

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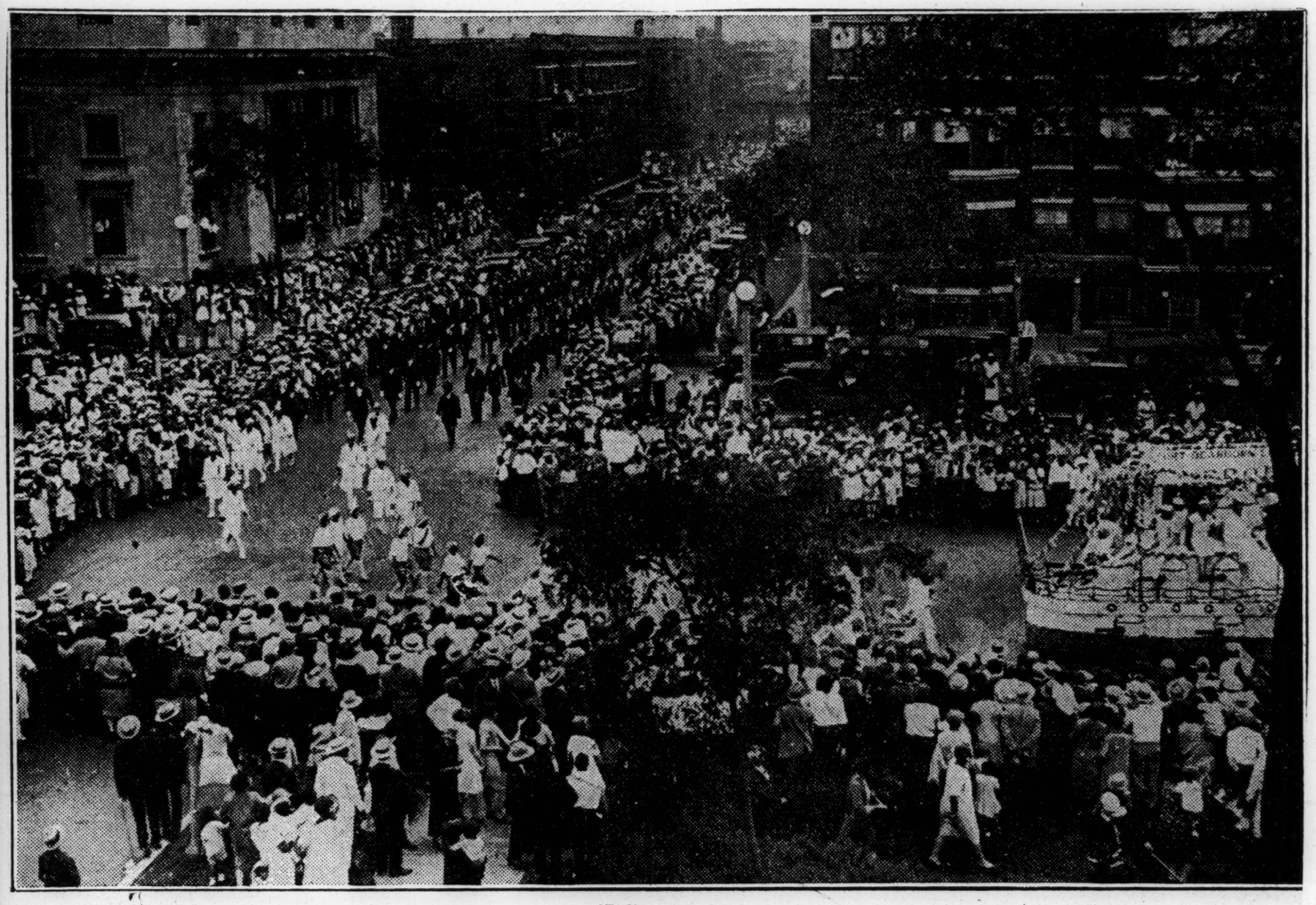

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COLORED ELKS MARCH IN PROCESSION FIVE MILES LONG THROUGH SOUTH SIDE STREETS. The parade turning north in South Park way from 46th street. All along the line of march great crowds were gathered to witness the spectacle. There were twenty-five bands in the procession, and many of the marchers wore brilliant uniforms.

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Colored Elks Hold International Convention In Chicago

AT FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

Among the leaders present at the first business session of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their international convention, which is now in session here, were (seated, left to right), S. E. White, secretary; J. F. Wilson, grand exalted ruler; J. R. Marshall, and (standing, left to right) M. S. Brewington, A. R. Motley, L. A. Newby, legal adviser, and J. C. Martin, first vice chairman.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Samuel Parker (left) of Indianapolis, sergeant-at-arms; Henry H. Proctor (center), secretary of the international committee, and Samuel E. White, secretary of the order, getting acquainted at the convention here.

Photos by Chicago Evening American staff photographer

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REINDEER TO BEGIN MEET HERE SUNDAY

Purity Lodge And Chapter Hosts To Grand Lodge And Chapter

MEMBERS PREPARE FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Notable Grand Officers To Be In City For Sixth Convention

The sixth annual convention of the B. P. O. of Reindeer will convene here on Sunday and continue to and including Wednesday, August 12. The local committee of Purity Lodge, Number 7, and Purity Chapter, Number seven, will be hosts to the delegates and visitors.

Intensive plans are being made to make the meeting one of the most enjoyable of any previously held. Among notables of the order who will attend are: John C. Johnson, Grand Dictator, Atlantic City; John M. Stout, Grand Secretary, Newark, New Jersey; Joseph B. Ware, Grand Treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Bessie J. Waddell, Grand Most Noble Queen, Boston, Massachusetts; Carris M. Jones, Grand Most Noble Secretary, Asbury Park, New Jersey; Virginia Lewis, Grand Most Noble Treasurer, Newark, New Jersey.

Officers Of Purity

Officers of Purity Lodge, Number 7, in charge of reception are: Charles Pulley, Richard Collins, Fred Holmes, Paul Tredell, Perry Smith, Clarence Diggs, Levin Dashields, William Evans. Officers of Purity Chapter are: Elizabeth Custis, Fanny Johnson, Fanny Mercer, Margaret Clemons, Esther Thomas, Lottie Bowens, Ida Haskkins, Gertrude Turner, Pearl Slaughter, May Mason, Mahala Wilson, Annie May Johnson, Martha Nelson and Jeanette Johns.

CITY IN GAY ATTIRE FOR REINDEER MEET

More Than Hundred Delegates Are Here For Sixth Annual Session

IN BIG PARADE

Grand Ball Ends Sessions Wednesday

With 12 eastern cities represented and more than 100 delegates present at the sixth annual convention of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapters, B. P. O. Reindeers went in session here Tuesday.

Although the annual sermon was preached Sunday evening at Zion A. M. E. Church, and a reception and smoker was held at the lodge room on McCulloh Street, Monday, the actual business sessions did not get under way until Tuesday afternoon.

Large delegations, with headquarters throughout the city, came from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Newark, Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Richmond and Washington.

An address was made Tuesday morning by T. B. McKeldin, secretary to Mayor Broening. Roy S. Bond was scheduled to give the welcome address at a public session at Cosmopolitan Church, Tuesday evening.

Response was scheduled to be made by Ambrose Shief, Jr., of Washington.

Big Parade

A mammouth parade was held Wednesday afternoon and a grand ball was given to visiting delegates and their friends at Albert Auditorium in the evening.

The Grand Lodge officers are:

John C. Johnson, G. D., Atlantic City, N. J.; Albert R. Patterson, G. V. D., Richmond, Va.; Alex. Gorriah, G. L. D., Orange, N J.; Dr. E. M. Brown, G. M. D. of W., New York City; John M. Stout, G. S., Newark, N. J.; Joseph S. Ware, G. T., Washington, D. C.; Wm. H. Leonard, G. O, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. H C. Van Pelt, G. P., Newark, N J.; Herman Cole, G A. S., Baltimore, Md.; Ambrose Sheif, Jr., G. L. A., Washington, D. C.; Samuel Taylor, G. S. at A., Baltimore; W. R. Jones, G. I. G., Richmond, Va.; Clarence M Diggs, G. O. G., Baltimore

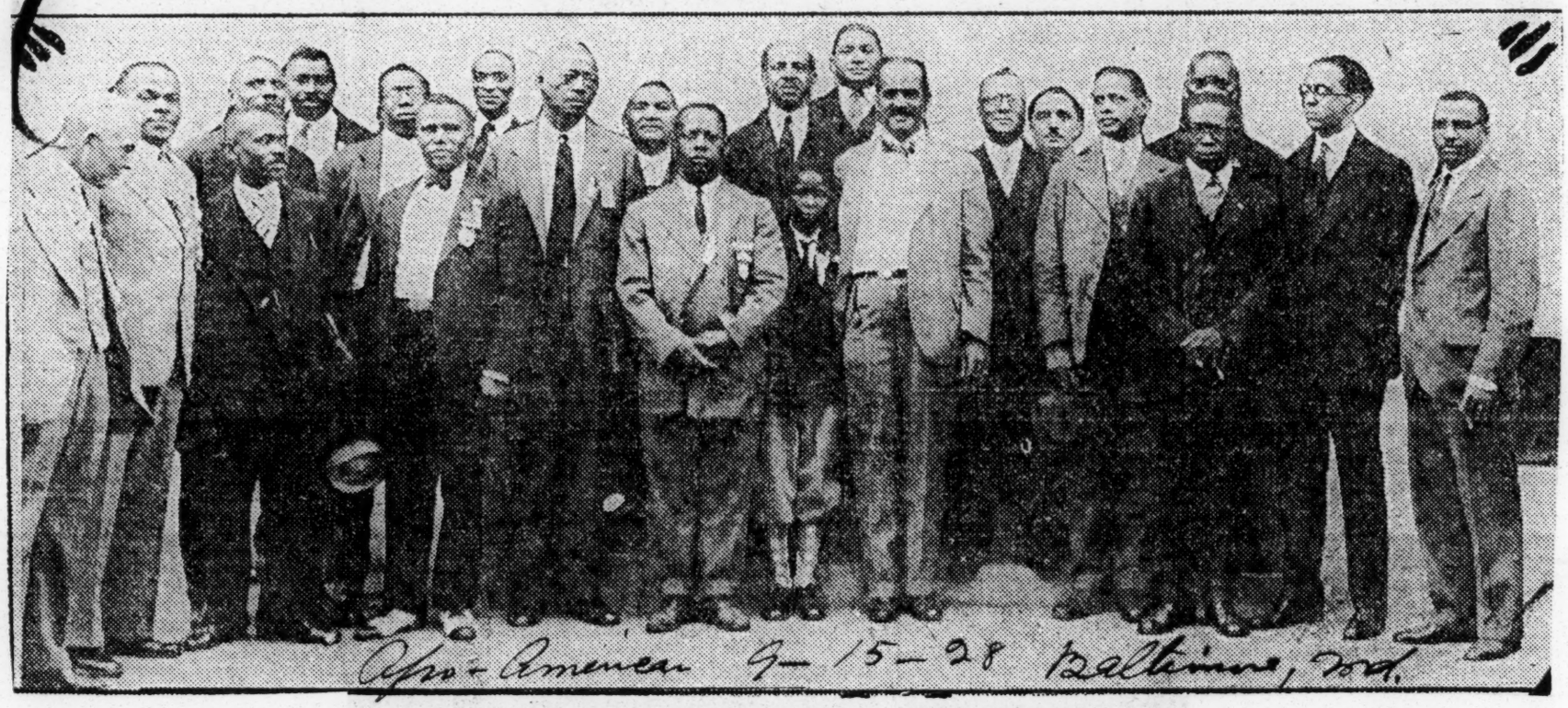
Grand Trustees

W. E. Nelson, Baltimore; H. C. Oliver, Atlantic City; J. W. Harris, Asbury Park, N. J.

Past Grand Dictators

Nathaniel Burrell, Asbury Park, N. J.; Alex Breathwaite, Newark, N. J.; G. W. Edwards, Newark, N. J.; Wm. Smith, Baltimore, Md.; W. H. Simmons, Newark, N J.

Official Of The Reindeer Order In Annual Session Here



The tall figure in the centre is John C. Johnson, of Atlantic City, Grand Dictator. On his left is G. W. Edwards, Newark, past dictator and Wm. Nelson, Baltimore, grand trustee and Ambrose Sheif of Washington.

On his right are Rev. H. C. Van Pelt, of Newark, N. J., grand prelate, Clarence Diggs, Baltimore, grand outer guard, John M. Stout, grand scribe of Newark.—AFRO PHOTO.

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DAUGHTER ELKS JOIN BROTHERS IN CONVENTION

Expect Stiff Contest for Dt. Ruler's Seat

By EVANGELINE ROBERTS

Daughter Elks from here, there and everywhere are swarming about in Chicago arrayed in the many variations of their purple and white color scheme and lending charm and spirit to the picturesque spectacle formed by America's Elkdom now in annual session.

Mrs. Emma V. Kelley, supreme mother, who 26 years ago founded the first temple at Norfolk, Va., is smiling a continuous round of greetings to the throngs of folk who constantly pressing around as she goes about her official duties as grand secretary.

At registration headquarters, 3140 Indiana Ave., dissatisfaction was expressed by the housing committee at the small number of delegates reporting. "Street hawkers" and drivers of public vehicles were blamed for piloting the visitors to various quarters. Scores of housekeepers who made plans to accommodate a number of delegates were unable to get any.

In many quarters the banner of Ella G. Berry, now in her second term as grand daughter ruler, is floating high and waving vigorously. The sign of Abbie M. Johnson, vice grand daughter ruler, of Philadelphia, Pa., is held aloft by her supporters and rumors were afloat that the fight was on for the right to don the royal robe and wield the scepter over 500 temples.

Mrs. Berry's Platform

"I am running on my past record, that's my platform," declared Mrs. Berry, who has been in fraternal work since childhood. The expansion of the child welfare program, the advancement of the educational campaign and the introduction of a monthly magazine, embracing women's activities and serving as their medium of expression, were cited as tangible efforts of her administration. Mrs. Berry's experience as Illinois state home visitor had greatly deepened her interest in child welfare work, she said. "Deal with the children, the men and women of tomorrow; educate the boy and girl—that is my aim, whether in office or out," she added.

In the cozy home of the Great Lakes Lodge of Elks, 3672 S. Michigan Ave., Mrs. Berry and her staff are the centers of interest on the main floor. Above and below, the Elks and visitors make merry in song and dance during the day and night.

A large banner announces the headquarters of Mrs. Johnson, at 3924 South parkway. This is by no means a dull spot, with friends and boosters steadily coming and going. Here Tuesday evening a group of women were holding a preliminary campaign. "We have indorsed Daughter Johnson, it is true," said the spokesman, "but now is the time to reaffirm our decision. You know some of us change so often. I want to know once again just how many are with her." Cries of "I," emphasized by waving hands, signified intentions.

"I feel that my record of continuous and ardent service with this organization since 1913 justifies my ambition," said Mrs. Johnson. "I have worked in the order when the grand lodge could be housed in one room. I am in the fight fairly."

Mrs. Johnson Tells Aims

Among things pointed out by Mrs. Johnson during her service with the order was her organization of more than 25 temples in Pennsylvania, the forming of a female band and the faithful co-operation with every forward movement. If elected her program would include a home for orphans and indigent members, full co-operation with the educational program of the Elks and a more effective effort with the Red Cross units, she asserted. Mrs. Johnson organized the Phyllis Wheatley temple, the first in Philadelphia. That outfit, led by megaphoning daughters with brothers of Quaker City lodge close behind, whooped it up for their home-town delegate. Unconfirmed reports told of a third candidate as yet unknown who might split the vote.

And the parade, which for many visitors is the beginning and ending of the meet, was a gay affair. On all sides the women marchers were praised for making a better showing for dignity and uniformity than ever before. Even by those who do not like the sight of the weaker sex on exhibition (and there are many), there was the admission that Tuesday's demonstration made the best of the situation.

Last to organize but one of the prettiest sights was the white flowered float bearing the members of Martella temple, Chicago, which drew behind it a miniature chariot in which sat a tiny baby girl, emblematic of the youth of the body. This temple is the first to purchase a home located at 2130 Washington Blvd. Mrs. Bessie Martin, wife of James Martin, exalted ruler of Ft. Dearborn lodge, is head of the body.

Cheer Women Marchers

The twenty-five piece female band of the Mary G. Talbert temple, Cleveland, Ohio, escorted the flower bedecked car in which sat Mrs. Berry and her staff. Captain Laura Porter, solo trombonist, is the director of the band trained by P. G. Lowry, famous bandmaster. The ukelele girls, made up of the younger element of the Mary B. Talbert temple, are a new innovation. The group was organized in April by Mrs. Lena G. Brown, a former daughter ruler. Their tuneful strumming drew applause along the line.

The two Cuban delegates, in colorful array; the contrasting marigold costumes of the Hudson temple, No. 7, from Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; the gay riding habits worn by the Phyllis Wheatley temple, No. 22, Boston; the "On to Detroit—1929" group in flowing purple and gold regalias; the Baltimore delegation, wearing large white keys to their city; the prize winning marching club from Pittsburgh, Pa., led by the stately Captain Tyler, in shining white and gold satin, and the Pride of Chicago temple, all rigged out in snappy ensemble knicker suits and carrying gay parasols, kept hands clapping and cheers ringing, as did also the scores of other beautifully dressed marchers, who had been, without a doubt, carefully fitted and instructed. And it is evident from the smiling faces that "a great time was had by all."

Remember Pioneer Worker

Without being able to get accurate figures, it is thought that there are nearly 10,000 female visitors, with a large number attending the sessions of the Grand temple at Community church, 41st St. and South parkway.

Sunday the monument to the late Past Grand Daughter Ruler Henrietta P. Lee, the first to rule over Unique temple, one of Chicago's oldest, was unveiled at Lincoln cemetery, with Mrs. Berry and many prominent delegates taking part in the ceremonies.

Tuesday morning, after the invovation by Chaplain Agnes Garrett, the twenty-sixth annual session was declared opened. The morning hours were passed in the appointment of committees, and the giving of final instructions for the parade. The exhibits of the arts and crafts department in charge of Mrs. Anna Russell, general chairman, is a splendid display of skillful handiwork, which is not going begging for purchasers.

Wednesday morning the grand daughter ruler read her annual address. This was followed by the reports of the grand secretary and vice grand daughter ruler. Election of officers began at 3 p. m.

So every daughter and her brother who could get away are here, many knowing what it's all about and a great many not knowing or caring, only that once more "the gang's all here."

CHICAGOANS CHEER 40,000 ELK MARCHERS

Throngs Line Streets to See Parade

By DAVID W. KELLUM

Resplendent in striking uniforms, 40,000 Elks Tuesday tramped through the gaily decorated streets of Chicago in the annual parade that officially opened the 29th session of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World.

The prade, which spread out over several miles and the cheering crowds presented probably as enlivening and picturesque a spectacle as Chicago has ever seen.

Flags fluttered and banners waved as the crowd of more than 100,000 men, woman and children, who lined the streets, cheered the marchers. It was perhaps the largest parade of its kind held on the South side.

Headed by a platoon of patrolmen, under the direction of Lieut. John Scott, and by the Eighth infantry, Illinois national guard, the parade, a magnificent sight, moved slowly down South parkway.

Fort Dearborn lodge 44 and Great Lakes lodge 43 acted as escorts to the grand lodge officers.

The big parade formed at 51st St. and Prairie Ave., and was martialed with precision of an army. Some 2,000 police guarded the line of march.

Traffic Blocked

The procession did not move away until 1:30 o'clock, but as early as 1:30 a. m. the vast throng was drifting to the assembling points. It took fully three hours for the Elks to pass the reviewing stand at 36th St. and Wabash Ave. Traffic was tied up for hours.

The column marched north on Prairie from 51st to 46th St., east to South parkway and north to 32d St., west to Wabash Ave. and south to the reviewing stand and on to 37th St., the breaking up point.

The parade was divided into eight divisions. The first was headed by Gen. Charles Redd, Capt. J. H. Williams, aide-de-camp, and Lieut. D. H. Jones, aide-de-camp band.

Riding in an open car, dressed in a white flannel suit and waving at the smiling throng, was Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson. At the right of his car was that of the chairman and the grand treasurer, Alderman Louis B. Anderson, Chicago; Gasper Holstein, New York, and Charles Jackson, Chicago.

Behind the grand exalted ruler's car came that of the grand daughter ruler, Mrs. Ella G. Berry. Her auto was beautifully decorated with white flowers.

Warden Temple Cheered

Cheers went up for members of Warden temple No. 16, who were dressed in yellow and white riding outfits, and Pride of Chicago No. 74, who were dressed in beautifully colored Japanese costumes and umbrellas.

A float decorated to imitate a ship, the Olympia, carried members of Martella temple 359. A siren on the side of the car attracted the attention of the spectators.

Col. James DeWarren and Col. Robert Elliott commanded the second division, which was led by Mid-West lodge 233, Kansas City, Mo., Quincy Gilmore, exalted ruler. The group displayed banners asking for the 1929 convention.

21 Bands Play

All down the line of march Elk bands struck up lively airs as the parade made its way through the heart of the South side.

Third division: Capt. Jesse Pennington, commanding, Lieut. Jefferson Davis, aide-de-camp, was composed of Aipha lodge No. 1, Ohio, band and marching club; King Tut lodge, Cleveland; Cuyahoga lodge, Cleveland; all other Ohio lodges, temples and juveniles, and states of Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama, Wilconsin, Tennessee, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

Fourth division: Capt. William Middleton, commanding, Lieut. John Cole, aide-de-camp, was composed of Monarch lodge No. 45, New York, band and marching club; Manhattan lodge No. 45, New York, band and marching club; Imperial lodge No. 127, New York, band and marching club; Brooklyn lodge No. 32, Brooklyn, band and marching club; Henry Lincoln Johnson lodge No. 360, New York; all other New York state lodges, temples and juveniles, and states of New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island.

Fifth division: Capt. Alonzo Samuels, commanding, Lieut. C. C. Atkinson, aide-de-camp, composed of Iron City lodge No. 17, Pittsburgh; O. V. Catto lodge No. 20, Philadelphia; Quaker City No. 20, Philadelphia; Greater Pittsburgh lodge No. 115, Pittsburgh; North Side lodge No. 124, Pittsburgh; all other Pennsylvania lodges, temples and juveniles; the states of Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Sixth division: Capt. W. H. Hinton, commanding, Lieut. J. Marshall, aide-de-camp, composed of Morning Star lodge No. 40, District of Columbia, band and marching club; Columbia lodge No. 85, District of Columbia, band and marching club; states of Georgia, Minnesota, California, Maryland, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Montana and Washington, and Red Cross organization and ambulance.

Seventh division: Capt. Joseph Moore, commanding, Lieut. Joseph J. Brown, aide-de-camp, composed of all floats of all kinds.

Eighth division: Capt. Henry Lacey, commanding, Lieut. Herbert Harrison, aide-de-camp, Lieut. E. H. Mitchell, aide-de-camp, consisted of all automobiles of members of the lodges and temples.

Noticeable among the uniforms worn in the parade was the Fort Dearborn Marching club, Chicago. The men wore white flannel pants, dark double breasted coats, sport shoes, sea caps and binoculars swung over their shoulders. Nine state police officers from Kansas City, Mo., dressed in their blue uniforms, won

praise as they marched along the line.

Harlemites Praised

The mighty Monarchs lodge, New York city, marching club, won much admiration. The men were dressed in white silk shirts, white shoes, flannel suits, straw hats and purple tires. They marched after the mighty Monarch band, under the leadership of Lieut. Fred Simpson.

Among other lodges that won praise were Polar Wave 112, St. Louis, maching club and health temple: Phyllis Wheatly temple 22, Boston, Mass.; Quaker City lodge 720, Philadelphia, Pa.; Manhattan Temple and Marching club of New York; Queen Hudson temple 293, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Monumental lodge 3, Baltimore, Md., and Lena G. Brown Ukelee Girls of Cleveland, Ohio.

The principal comedy of the afternoon was furnished by the drum majors, men, women and a boy who did the cakewalk and one who did the Charleston and another who made goo goo eyes caused much merriment.

High Lights of Convention

By WARREN BROWN

Chicago has given her all to the thousands of delegates and visitors who have congregated here from all over the world to participate in the 29th annual session of the Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, convening this week at the Wendell Phillips high school.

A welcome such as has not been seen in many years was extended the fraternal body by the city which our people have come to regard as their capital. The boulevards and principal streets of the South side are draped with flags, stars and stripes and white and purple, the banners of the nation and the Elks.

Store keepers and the little candy venders in the streets have decorated their stands and places of business with the Elks' colors. In the windows of apartments are seen flags and cards bearing Elk heads.

Five years ago the city gave this body the greatest welcome they had ever known, but this week the demonstration has excelled those of all time.

As early as Friday motorists and chartered busses began their march on the city. To the delegations it was like coming home. The general entertainment committee has been active in preventing any raising of prices during the convention. The visitors are being given "Hello Bill" as a password to the hospitalities of the city.

On Monday afternoon some of the outstanding men and women of the country mingled and rubbed shoulders with delegates from obscure towns at a public reception at the high school. In the group were seen jurists, councilmen, a member of the United States department of justice, a candidate for a seat in congress, a secretary of a city police department and scores of professional and business men.

Conspicuous among the assembly which took part in the fellowship meeting were Arthur Riggs of Cincinnati and Frank Hunter of St. Louis, Mo., who were members of the first lodge set up by the founder of Elkdom, B. F. Howard of Cincinnati, Ohio. Attention also focused on Chu Jonn, descendant of Li Hung Chang, the great ruler of China. He now lives in New York City and is an active member of the Imperial lodge of that city. Recently he was the first member of the lodge to donate $500 towards securing a new clubhouse.

Others who were given the spotlight, so to speak, were Perry B. Jackson, recently nominated as a Republican candidate for the state assembly of Ohio, and almost certain to win the election; Perry W. Howard of Washington, D. C.; Councilman Thomas W. Flemings of Cleveland, Judge Edward Henry, Philadelphia; C. Selmo Glenn, assistant state prosecutor of Cleveland, John H. Webb, Little Rock, Ark.; Charles Starr of Denver, Col.; Neval H. Thomas, militant leader of Washington, D. C.; Atty. John Roundtree of Cleveland, Ohio; Ben Davis of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. J. L. Leach of Flint, Mich.; Charles Diggs of Detroit, Mich., and Atty. Chester K. Gillespie of Cleveland.

To supplement the welcome at the school the local lodges, Fort Dearborn and Great Lakes, threw open their doors for the entertainment of the visitors. On the beautiful lawn of the Fort Dearborn lodge is a tea garden such as one sees on the leading boulevards of Paris.

Under a large canvas are tables for the guests, where they may enjoy light lunches and soft drinks. Music is furnished by an orchestra and a canvas spread on the grass makes dancing possible. Lights, specially arranged, illuminate the place in the evening in a fashionable and striking manner. Similar places on a less elaborate scale are seen here and there on the parkway.

Each delegation has its special headquarters and all are having some private entertainment. In some cases the headquarters have been converted into campaign offices. On several buildings are large painted signs, advertising candidates for the offices of grand esquire and grand treasurer.

Efforts are being made by a number of large cities to be hosts to the delegation in 1929. The strong contenders include Baltimore, Mo.; Kansas City and Detroit, Mich.

A straw vote taken in the convention gave Al Smith and Herbert Hoover about an even count. Dr. E. J. Gregg of Cleveland asserted that straw ballots in his city had revealed a similar sentiment.

J. Finley Wilson conveyed his best wishes to the mayor and the governor through their representatives. He added that the Republicans in Washington had forgotten the principals of Lincoln and that he, from now on, is supporting the man and not the party.

Senator Harry Starr of the 13th state senatorial district, said before the audience at the public welcome: "I welcome you to the state that gave to the world Abraham Lincoln, the greatest man since the days of Christ."

About 25,000 persons attempted to get into the Coliseum to attend the grand ball.

According to Alderman Robert R. Jackson, Chicago is the most cosmopolitan city in the world. "We invented the word 'welcome' and destroyed 'farewell.'"

"The time has come when we should stop wearing a sign on our backs saying 'I am a Colored man.' The Constitution says we are American citizens."—Alderman R. R. Jackson.

Grand Daughter Secretary Emma V. Kelly, Mrs. Laura E. Williams, past grand daughter and Mrs. Mary J. Harsh, daughter ruler of Warden temple, rode in the car with Grand Daughter Ruler Ella G. Berry. The car followed the escort of the grand exalted ruler.

Virgil Williams, at one time owner of the Lincoln Gardens cafe, attired as a Wild West cowboy, rode a spirited horse in the march.

The Chicago Defender press car got out of line in the parade and it took five marshals to prevail upon the police officers to allow it to get back into formation.

The Eighth infantry Illinois national guard, which headed the parade, paused at the monument at 35th St. and South parkway long enough to pay tribute to the dead warriors of their outfit.

The South Side Boys club band of Chicago composed of grade and high school students, won applause in the march.

Samuel Brown, drum major for the Morning Star lodge, is by far the snappiest of all the band masters. He was given big hands as he passed.

Mrs. Rose Sumpter, daughter ruler and Mrs. M. Watson, both of Havana, Cuba, received a large ovation as they marched in the parade Tuesday. They were dressed in their native apparel.

Nine state police officers of Kansas City, Mo., under the supervision of Sergt. Edward Blackburn, made the trip to the city and headed the Mid-West lodge of Kansas City in the parade.

Perhaps one of the most striking uniforms in the parade were those of the Phyllis Wheatley temple of Boston, who were dressed in riding habits of purple coats, white pants and derbies. They carried swagger sticks. Mrs. Pearl James headed the delegation.

Riding in the car with J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, were Perry W. Howard, national Republican committeeman from Mississippi and grand legal adviser of the body; Judge William C. Hueston, grand commissioner of education; Will Avaine, Ceasar Blake of North Carolina and head of the Shriners, and C. C. Vallot of Newark, N. J.

The first band in the line of march was the Arabic Temple Shriners band of Chicago.

Charles Elgar, former director of the Savoy ballroom orchestra, directed the Fort Dearborn band in the parade.

Dressed in white flannel pants, light purple and white blazer jackets, white tam hats and purple bow tie gave the Keystone temple of Pittsburgh a striking appearance in the march.

As the little Queen of Mattella temple rode in her chariot and thousands of people who were captivated by her dress, shouted and cheered, the baby Elk yielded to the call of the god Morpheus.

"Let us by, we just got out," sang the daughters from Macbeth temple, Joliet, Ill., as they rode on their pretty float.

Major J. G. Gross, drill master of the Bon Amie temple, Pittsburgh, Pa., said that they had won many prizes in competiting with other marching clubs of the grand body.

On Monday about 500 visitors went through the Chicago Defender plant. The number has been increasing daily. A special service desk is in the lobby of the main office.

Col. W. C. T. Ayers of Columbus, is chief keeper of information. He is the big mogul among the press gang.

The Mi-Tee Monarch band of 61 pieces under the direction of Lieut. Fred Simpson, played before a crowd of several thousand at the Savoy ballroom Monday night.

The Second Regiment band of Columbus, Ohio, with W. T. C. Ayers "kicking out in front," was the favorite among the spectators during the parade. It featured mostly jazz numbers.

ELK HEAD HERE FOR LAST RALLY

J. Finley Wilson Speaker at International

J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks for the seventh time, will be the principal speaker at the political rally to be held Saturday night at the International arena, 15th and Wood. Because of Mr. Wilson's wide acquaintance here a huge crowd is expected.

Mr. Wilson, who has been a life long republican, electrified the country last week by his declaration for Governor Smith for president. In his speech tomorrow night he will tell the voters his reasons for his position. Other speakers who will appear have not been announced.

Bennie Moten's orchestra and Miss Iola Burton will entertain the crowd until the meeting opens.

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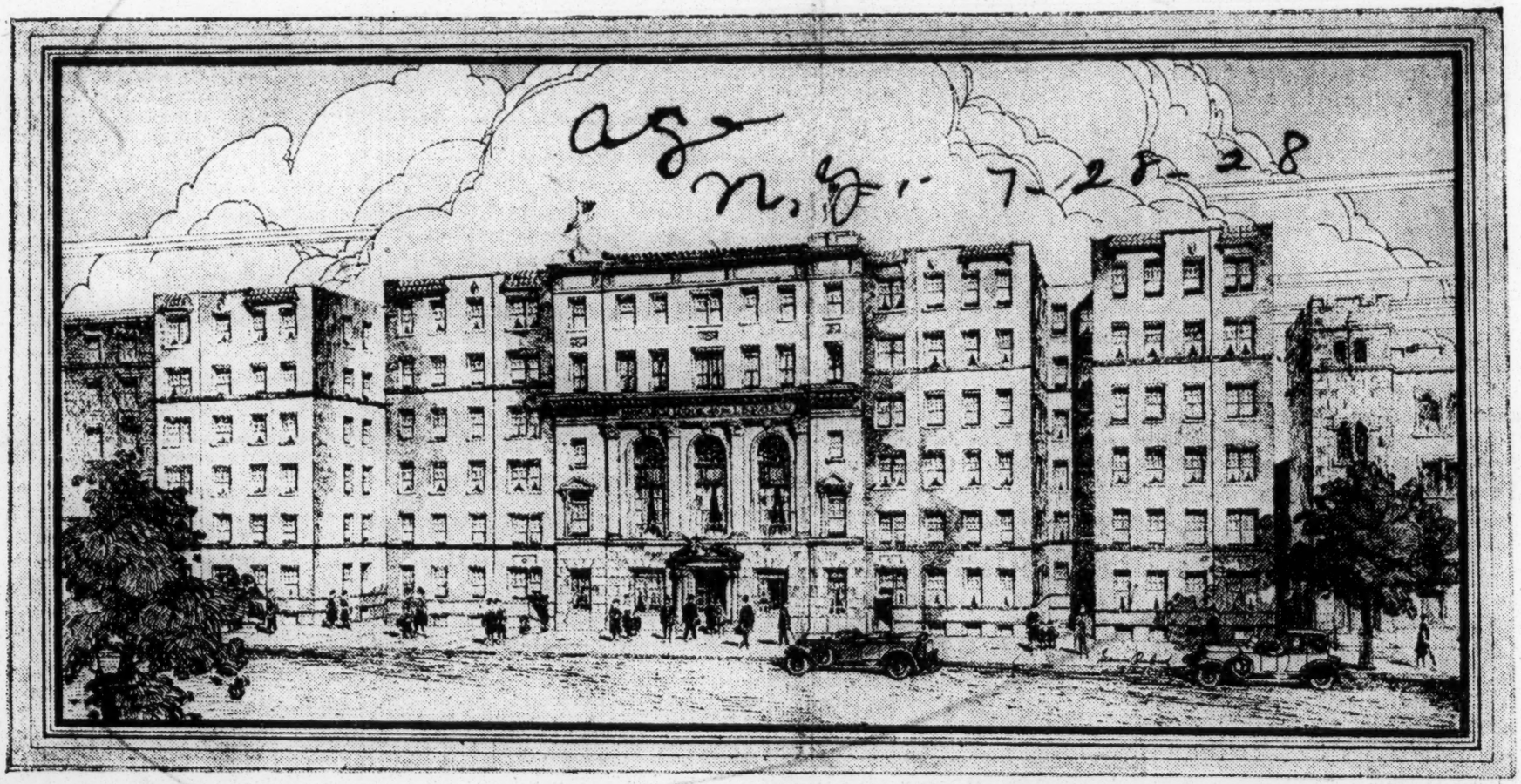

GIVEN HIS SEVENTH TERM

Grand Lodge Session Charged With National Politics

CITY IN GALA ATTIRE

By Louis R. Lautier

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 28—At the conclusion of his annual report Tuesday night, J. Finley Wilson was re-elected by acclamation grand exalted ruler of the Elks for the seventh term, the grand lodge suspending the rules to bring about this action, which on opening day was unprecedented. Wilson stated that he would reappoint Perry Howard, grand legal adviser...In his report he recommended establishment of a fidelity fund.

Resplendent in bright colors, the Elks annual parade moved north on Grand boulevard from Fifty-first to Thirty-third street Tuesday while all traffic on this principal thoroughfare was stopped.

Alderman R. R. Jackson, the grand marshal ,headed the procession with his assitants on horseback. A squad of police followed. The next in line was the Eighth Illinois regiment with its band. The flag bearers followed.

Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson and Grand Daughter Ruler, Ella G. Berry rode in automobiles. The automobile in which the Grand Daughter Ruler rode was covered with a blanket of crepe paper with purple tassels.

The first lodge in the procession was Great Lakes No. 43 with its band. The local temples and other lodges followed. The Fort Dearborn lodge had a beautiful battleship float in the parade.

The Mid West lodge of Kansas City, Mo., was headed by a squad of Kansas City policemen.

The Monarch band of New York City and the Columbia lodge band of Washington, D. C., drew applause all along the route of the parade.

The Phyllis Wheatley temple of Boston, Mass., wore riding habits consisting of black derbies, purple coats and white trousers.

There were fifteen bands in the parade. This is far less than the number in New York last year. King Tut lodge of Cleveland had its band and a drum corps, and the King temple had a woman's band and a ukelele octette.

It took the parade an hour to pass in review.

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Grand Exalted Ruler Put Forward To Succeed Self Two Days Early

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Armand Scott, **J. Finley Wilson** prominent Washington attorney and one time grand exalted ruler, made the response to Judge Borelli's speech that assailed the Republicans. "The two Republican administrations since the time of Hoover have practiced discrimination against the Negro," he said. "I shall never again support the policies of President Coolidge and I know that there are many Negroes who agree with me. If elected, everyone knows that Hoover will carry on Coolidge policies."

Nominates Wilson

At the conclusion of Attorney Scott's speech, George Lee, delegate from Memphis, Tenn., stood up and placed J. Finley Wilson grand exalted ruler, in nomination for reelection.

The regular elections are scheduled to be held on Thursday.

Lee, in making the early nomination, reminded the convention that Ruler Wilson had turned down an official post on the colored voter's section of the G. O. P. campaign because he was disappointed with the way the late Republican administrations had treated colored voters by failure to enforce the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments.

When Lee resumed his seat, the 1,200 delegates present cheered, then arose and reelected their exalted ruler by acclamation, thus carrying out the expectation that Ruler Wilson would regain his seat unopposed.

New Party

According to a dispatch coming from San Francisco in the Baltimore Sun of Tuesday, Aug. 21, it is thought that the present Elks convention will place an independent colored political party in the field because of dissatisfaction with the Republican regime and little confidence in a Democrat administration.

Perry Howard, storm center of Missisippi politics and grand attorney of the Elks, is scheduled to head this movement, according to the dispatch. The report further said that the presidential candidate might be Ald. Louis B. Anderson.

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City Decorated

State Street from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-sixth streets looks like the midway of a carnival. The only attractions, however, are "gyp" games running wide open. They are all derivations of three-card monte. If it is a drawing, draw a red number and the backer will pay 10 to 1. If it is a wheel, if the indicator stops on a red number likewise he will pay 10 to 1. When business is dull, if you lose the first time, he will give you a second chance free. Along these two blocks with one "con" game after another, the greeting instead of being "Hello Bill" is "Hello, Sucker!"

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Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson has no opposition as yet. Some eastern lodges wish to present the name of Casper Holstein of New York for grand exalted ruler. Mr. Holstein is unwilling. He says that his business interests would not permit him to serve and that he and Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson are friends. Mr. Holstein was largely responsible for the dissolution of the injunction against colored Elks which had been in effect for 19 years in New York state.

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There are 75,000 Negroes in attendance, including 1,200 delegates from all over the United States, Cuba, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, and even Africa.

Five special trains carried members of the order from New York and three more specials came from Washington.

J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, headed the Washington delegation. To his efforts the lodge attributes its great growth and his re-election tomorrow is considered a certainty.

"We may have 100,000 visitors here by tomorrow," said W. C. T. Ayres Sr., of Columbus, O.

Last night an oratorical contest among young Negroes was held. They spoke on the constitution and especially the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, which deal with their enfranchisement.

The big event of the week will be a parade today in which 25,000 Negroes will march. There will be 100 bands, fifty marching clubs and fifty patrols. The Mighty Monarch Club of New York will parade with a band of 100 pieces. The line of march will be over South Side streets. There will be a monster reception and cabaret entertainment at the Coliseum tonight.

Chicago Negroes are extending the hand of hospitality all over the South Side and in other sections where they live.

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NEGRO ELKS GAIN 62 LODGES IN YEAR

Great growth in membership of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Negro, was reported to delegates at the world convention here last night by the grand secretary, George Bates.

Sixty-two new lodges of the order, with a membership of 25,000, have been organized in the past year, he said. Increased membership in the old lodges was also striking, he said.

Bates reported that the order has acquired more than $3,000,000 worth of property during the past several years, including two large lodge buildings in Chicago.

Education Commissioner W. C. Huston of Gary, Ind., told of the order sending thirty-seven Negro youths to universities this year as part of its educational program.

NEWS
CHICAGO, ILL.

AUG 27 1928

NEGRO ELKS OPEN CONVENTION HERE

African Prince a Delegate; 75,000 Expected to Parade Tomorrow.

Delegates from the West Indies and all parts of the United States, and a prince from Africa, gathered here today at the opening of the 29th annual convention of the Improved Order of Elks of the World in the Wendell Phillips high school, 39th and Prairie avenue. Twelve hundred voting delegates will be in attendance, and grand officers predict that 75,000 Negro Elks will participate in the parade tomorrow.

Prizes amounting to $1,750 will be distributed to winners in the finals of the national oratorical contest of the order at the 8th regiment armory tonight. Each of the eight speakers has been awarded a $250 scholarship for four years, and the final contest will be for first prize of $1,000, a second prize of $500 and a third of $250. The orations will deal with the constitution.

The parade, members of the local committee announce, will contain 100 bands, including one of 100 pieces. It will form at 51st street and Prairie avenue and will march north on 46th street, east of South Park way, north on 32d street, west to Wabash avenue, south to 37th street and east to Giles avenue, disbanding at Wendell Phillips high school.

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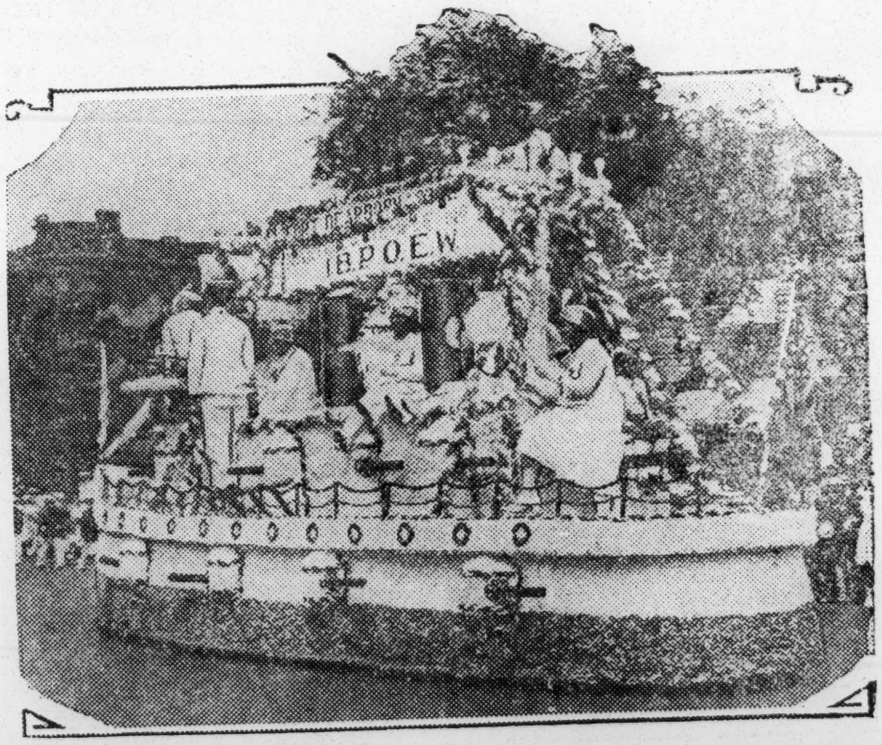

Negro Elks, 25,000 strong, paraded south-side streets in a procession five miles long during the annual convention of their order here. Twenty-five bands played for the marchers, who represented lodges from Canada to Africa. Virtually the entire colored population of the city turned out for the event.

Baltimore Loses Elks Meet To Atlantic City

1929 Session To Seashore, Wilson Refuses To Poll Delegates; Trustees Put On Payroll; Delegates Pay Cut—Wilson Strategy Ousts Old Officers; Nutter Brothers Disagree; National Headquarters Voted For D. C.

CHICAGO, Ill. — After a stubborn fight, Atlantic City, N. J., was chosen as the next meeting place by the grand lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in its twenty-ninth annual session held here last week.

Baltimore, Md., was the chief contender, but was beaten when J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, sent word to the administration forces to support Atlantic City.

Lewis Nominates Baltimore

William Lewis nominated Baltimore. George W. McMechen, past grand exalted ruler, read letters from Governor Albert C. Ritchie, Mayor William F. Broening and the Baltimore Association of Commerce inviting the Elks to hold their next session in Baltimore.

Isaac H. Nutter nominated Atlantic City. He read letters from mayor and the director of public safety.

Seconding Speeches

Speeches seconding the nominations of these two cities were made by a number of prominent Elks. Those seconding the nomination of Baltimore included W. H. Harrison of Chicago, former Grand Secretary George E. Bates, of Newark, and Judge Edward W. Henry, of Philadelphia. Those seconding the nomination of Atlantic City included Alderman R. R. Jackson and Oscar DePriest of Chicago; Dr. Hudson O. Oliver, of New York; and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Armond W. Scott, of Washington.

K. C. and Detroit Withdraw

Quincy J. Gilmore, who had nominated Kansas City, Mo., withdrew his nomination in favor of Atlantic City. Detroit, Michigan, was withdrawn in favor of Baltimore.

Won't Count Vote

A standing vote was taken. Those favoring Atlantic City stood on one side of the hall and those favoring Baltimore on the other. Atlantic City apparently had a majority, and Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson declar- it to be the next convention city. The Baltimore supporters demanded that the delegates voting for each city be counted, but their demand was refused.

Payroll Is Cut

On the closing day, last Saturday, the grand lodge approved the usual payroll of delegates who had served on committees. Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson had stricken from it the names of a number of delegates who had not voted as he desired.

Woman To Get Place

The position of assistant commissioner of education was created at a salary of $1,000 a year. This assistant is to be a woman. She will be appointed by the grand exalted ruler.

Trustees At $50 A Month

The grand lodge also voted to pay each of the grand trustees $50 a month. There are five of them. Frank H. Hunter, of St. Louis, Mo., one of the founders of the order, and Dr. J. E. Mills, a past grand exalted ruler who is in failing health, were voted pensions of $50 a month each.

The salary of the secretary of the civil liberties commission was fixed at $100 a month.

Old Officers Ousted

The sensation of the grand lodge occurred last Thursday when George E. Bates, grand secretary, and James T. Carter, grand treasurer, were defeated for reelection. Mr. Bates had served as secretary for 17 years. Mr. Carter had been the treasurer for 15 years.

James E. Kelley, a postman and exalted ruler of Jones Valley lodge No. 14, Birmingham, Ala., was elected to succeed Bates. James C. Martin, a poolroom owner and exalted ruler of Fort Dearborn lodge No. 44, was chosen to succeed Carter.

Victory For Wilson

The defeat of Bates and Carter was a signal victory for Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson. Ever since his election in 1922 there has been a continual fight between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bates and Mr. Carter. At this session the plea was made for grand lodge officers who would support the policies and program of the grand exalted ruler.

The first move in the strategy to beat Bates and Carter came when George W. Lee on the opening day of the convention moved that the rules be suspended and Mr. Wilson elected to succeed himself by acclamation. Mr. Wilson had just finished the reading of his annual report. The convention had not been organized, the report of the committee on credentials not having been made. To correct any flaw in his election at that time, Md. Wilson later had the convention to ratify its previous action.

Bishop Brooks Prays

Before the convention proceeded with the election of officers Thursday, Bishop W. Samuson Brooks, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church offered a prayer.

The election of the commissioner of education was put ahead of the election of the more important officers. William C. Hueston, the commissioner, had presided at the caucuses which had for their purposes the defeat of Bates and Carter. He was recognized as the Wilson floor leader.

Hueston Renamed

Without having made a campaign of any kind, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Scott was nominated by Judge Edward W. Henry against Mr. Hueston. Mr. Scott was given a fine complimentary vote. When he saw that he would be defeated, he withdrew from the race and moved that the election of Mr. Hueston be made unanimous.

As soon as Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson declared him elected, Mr. Hueston was given the floor and proceeded to nominate J. E. Kelley, of Birmingham, for grand secretary. Past Grand Exalted Ruler McMechen nominated Mr. Bates, asking for the favorable consideration by the grand lodge of his nominee "who has proved faithful, honest and honorable."

Brother Against Brother

The tense moment came when Mr. Nutter, of Atlantic City, obtained the floor. His brother, T. Gillis Nutter, a past grand exalted ruler, had just seconded the nomination of Mr. Bates. The delegates sensed the dramatic. Mr. Nutter paced the platform, differing from his brother, and argued with the delegates as if they were a jury. He asked for the election of Mr. Kelley.

When Kelley had been given 350 votes to 215 for Bates, Mr. Bates withdrew his name and asked that the election of Mr. Kelley be made unanimous. He promised his support of the newly elected secretary.

Martin Nominated

Alderman R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, nominated James C. Martin for grand treasurer. Before permitting Mr. Carter to be nominated, Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson recognized Dr. Hudson Oliver, of New York, and Mr. Hueston. They second the nomination of Mr. Martin. W. F. B. Crowell, of Roanoke, Va., nominated Mr. Carter.

Steam Roller Too Well Greased

Dr. John Barkus, of Philadelphia, nominated a Philadelphia banker, who declined, saying that the "steam roller" of the grand exalted ruler was too well greased.

Mr. Carter withdrew after the balloting had begun. Mr. Martin was leading by a large majority.

Others Reelected

Dr. S. H. George, of Paducah, Ky., was reelected grand esteemed leading knight. Joseph James, of Jacksonville, Fla., grand esteemed loyal knight, was also reelected. Andrew T. Mitchell, of New York, was elected grand lecturing knight to succeed Dr. Roland E. Johnson, of Brooklyn, who was not a candidate for reelection.

R. E. Pharrow, of Atlanta, was reelected grand trustee. He defeated Duncan Scott, of Savannah, Ga. R. R. Church, of Memphis, has been appointed by the grand exalted ruler to fill the unexpired term of Wayman Wilkerson, who shot and killed himself.

Succeeds Suspended Member

Other officers elected were Ira L. Derrick, of Los Angeles, grand inner guard; Joseph Levi, of St. Paul, grand tyler; and John Love, grand auditor. James B. Allen, of New York, was appointed grand auditor by the grand exalted ruler to fill the unexpired term of Charles M. Hanson, who was put out of the order by his lodge, Imperial No. 127.

National Shrine in D. C.

The shrine commission, of which John L. Webb, of Hot Springs, was the chairman, recommended the building of a national headquarters in Washington, D. C., as a shrine. Dr. J. H. P. Westbrook, of Denver, was the secretary of this commission.

Health Commission

The report of the health commission was read by Dr. Charles B. Fisher, of Washington, D. C. Dr. Fisher is the secretary of this commission.

Endorse Jones For Judge

The grand lodge endorse the candidacy of Thomas L. Jones, an assistant United States attorney, to be a judge of the police court of the District of Columbia. Mr. Jones is a member of Columbia Lodge, Washington, D. C.

Confidence In Howard

A resolution expressing confidence in Perry W. Howard, grand legal advisor, who is under indictment in Mississippi, is

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General

National Ideal Benefit Society Performs Great Service For Race

The National Ideal Benefit Society, organized sixteen years ago, July 15, 1912, by its founder, Mr. A. W. Holmes, with headquarters at Richmond, Va., is receiving much commendation and praise for a deed done in obscurity more than two years ago, that, very recently, has come to the notice of the public.

The act, so interesting, is here narrated: Down in Surry County, Virginia, lives an aged man, named Mr. Bolden Morris, who owns 415 acres of land, on which stand two buildings. To one is attached a deal of history and is known as the Rolfe House, which was built in the year 1653 by Thomas Rolfe, the son of Pocahontas.

About two years or more ago, the owner found himself greatly encumbered, and it was at this crucial time he sought refuge in the National Ideal Benefit Society. It came to his rescue, paid off the mortgage of eight thousand dollars ($8,000) and thus saved him from a great calamity and protected him from his would-be-destroyers of peace and happiness.

Very recently, Mr. Bolden negotiated with Dr. W. A. R. Goodwin, director of Restoration Work at Williamsburg, Virginia, who is representing one of the world's greatest financiers and philanthropists, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, and succeeded in disposing of 20 acres of land, on which sets in the Rolfe House. This will be maintained as a Historic Shrine.

From this transaction, the owner was able to pay back the loan and get a clear title to the Deed. He still has to his credit a splendid cash balance, besides 399 acres of land and a good house in which to live, with everything free of debt.

Thus ends a "True Story" of what the National Ideal Benefit Society did for a man of our race, who then, was not even a member of the organization. He is now singing its praises as his great defense and his strong deliverer; hence in the recapitulation of the Order, this one outstanding act of benevolence, thru the generosity and broadness of heart of its founder, it can be pointed to with great pride, in relating what the society has done in giving relief to other persons besides its own members.

The National Ideal Benefit Society is a fraternal organization, relieving the sick and distressed by paying weekly sick benefit to its members and death claims adequate to give decent burials.

It has an enrollment of nearly 40,000 men, women and children, with an adult and nursery department. It is one of the strongest and most dependable organizations in the country. The first week in September, it will be celebrating its 16th Annual Convention in its own beautiful, recently remodeled Home Office Building, 210 East Clay St., Richmond, Virginia.

WHAT'S WRONG HERE?

A few months ago one of our oldest lodges, the U. B. F. and S. M. T., a southern organization, went on the rocks in Oklahoma. It is now, according to reliable information, in the hands of receivers. Last week receivers were appointed for the Alabama Pythians. News of the week also included the Elks of New York and the Knights of Pythias in St. Louis.

What is wrong with these secret organizations? First we find our insurance companies in court, then come the lodges, all relying upon white masters in chancery to settle disputes that never should have arisen.

We are tired of seeing stories in print of our church and fraternal leaders wrangling in court. Internal disputes there will be; all organizations and institutions have them. But these disputes should be settled within the lodge rooms, and not carried to courts to be aired before a curious world. Aside from the harm this procedure does the Race which these organizations represent, it serves to kill public interest and confidence in our secret organizations which are essential to the group. It is high time we were learning to apply modern business methods to all our enterprises and to stabilize them. It is also time that we learned to adjust ourselves to the rule laid down by constituted authority. Outbursts of temper and rebellions do nobody any good, but register a very definite harm to all concerned. One effective method of solving this trouble is by bonding all persons who must handle lodge funds. This would reduce misuse of funds 90 per cent.

THE FRATERNAL ORDER FUNCTION; IT MUST BE CONSERVED

The Negro fraternal order fills a place in the life of the group for which there could be no other substitute as good. It has a recognized social and economic value. To say that it has a civic or political value would not be going far afield since it largely supplies the need for a field of political activity and affords the means of civic and patriotic training.

They are institutions developed along with the social life and the opportunities for education, and they afford educative features obtainable only in such institutions.

Their growth has been steady and, in some cases, marvelous, notwithstanding the fact that there has been some serious defections.

They have developed men as leaders that have been commanders in other fields. They have in some cases developed resources beyond the expectation of their organizers.

They have created the possibility of a field of activity inside of which many vital interests can be served to great advantage. They must be conserved and protected for the general good of the race and for the growth of the particular interests that each one is designed to promote. Much of what is needed to promote race solidarity is inherent in them and they reach all classes of the groups strengthening the ties that bind in enough ways to make a more effective whole.

Our efforts to conserve them must be whole-heartedly earnest, even desperate, if they are threatened with destruction by forces within or without their bounds. In this stage of the group's progress they cannot be dispensed with nor does it seem improbable that their functions will not become increasingly important as the race goes forward along all lines.

The fraternal order has been an outstanding part and parcel of the means by which economic and social progress has been made and they are still the means of leverage whereby much lifting is to be done to make the accomplishment complete. The dozens of them that have ridden to safety on the wave of prosperity in the few years past have only to guard their resources and exercise judgment in their management in order to hold their old gain and make new ones. The fraternal order must be conserved; the duty of doing so devolves upon the individuals making them up and profiting by their strength.

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Household of Ruth.

MRS. ANDERSON ELECTED HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Ruthites Concentrate on Program

By EVANGELINE ROBERTS

The election of officers, which climaxed the biennial session of the Household of Ruth Friday did not require the tense effort expected by the members. The withdrawal of Mrs. Martha J. Wells from the office of most worthy grand superior, and disqualification of Mrs. Florence D. Cochran of Cleveland, Ohio, because of her deviation from the regular method of campaigning, left only two candidates, Mrs. B. E. de Toscano, New York, and Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Florida, and with the voting strength, which centers in the southern delegation lined up solidly for Mrs. Anderson, she was an easy victor.

Other officers elected were:

Mrs. Frazier of Texas, right worthy grand superior; Mrs. E. Delaney of Kentucky, grand worthy recorder; Mrs. Ella J. Harris of Illinois, grand treasurer; Mrs. Mary L. Floyd Henly of Tennessee, grand usher; Mrs. Florence Cochrane, re-elected grand shepherd, and Mrs. Alma B. Layton of Virginia, re-elected chairman of committee on government.

A committe composed of all state presiding officers was appointed to confer with the grand master, regarding the placing of a woman on the subcommittee of management. Members feel that they are taxed, but have no representation.

Call for Action

Many expressed the need for a change from the old order of things in keeping with modern spirit of progressiveness. They declare that women are destined to play a more important part in the order than they have done thus far, and that they must not be content to go on as in the past, but should formulate a program and work toward some definite goal.

Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. E. H. Harris, a prominent Householder of Georgia, were among the floor leaders who advocated a more enthusiastic and vigorous leadership to carry out the ideas advanced by the older women from their valuable storehouse of experience. "We need to give the younger members more responsibility, more opportunity to raise up a leadership, which not only theorizes, but executes," declared many of the speakers.

Colorful Parade

The Ruthites held a conspicuous place in the parade. They were loyally supported by their Chicago sisterhood from the Ancient Knights and Daughters of Africa, under the leadership of Col. Daisy Monroe; the Warden and Heliotrope Ell temples, in their pretty uniforms, and the Household band from the Queen of Sheba patriachy, captained by Mrs. Bertha Babera, with Miss A. D. Bell jauntily wielding the drum major's baton. The snappy tunes played by the Household band from Memphis kept the marchers stepping lively. They escorted the delegation from Washington, D. C., and the Trinity Nursers corp.

Among others in the parade who completed the spectacle were groups from Louisiana, led by Captain Patterson, from the 12th regiment Cleveland, Ohio; Captain Bolin, 19th regiment, Memphis, Tenn.; Capt. M. J. Neely, from Kansas City, with Capt. Eva Johnson. Mrs. A. C. Williams was a lone marcher from Camden, N. J., and there were representatives from Atlantic City. The Mt. Caramel and Crispus Attucks juveniles gave yells from decorated cars. Other members from various states rode in bedecked cars, among them being the goldenrod float of Lake City, Household No. 22. Mrs. Ella G. Berry, recently re-elected head of the Daughter Elks, was observed in the car bearing the officers of the grand household.

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Knights and Daughters of Jerusalem.

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Jerusalem Knights Will Meet Here

The national convention of the Knights and Daughters of Jerusalem, Negro organization, will be opened tonight with a Thanksgiving service in Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Center avenue and Francis street. Mayor Charles M. Kline is scheduled to welcome the delegates at 10 a. m. Monday and response will be made by Marcus Ruffin, of Washington, D. C. A parade, traversing streets of the Hill district, will be held Wednesday night, beginning at the Masonic Temple, Center avenue.

Mrs. Pauline Pryor, Margaret Reid, Helene Scesco, Viola Tuck will be soloists, with Mrs. Sybol Cain and Mrs. G. E. Washington. Clergymen to speak will be Rev. Gloster Bryant Rev. C. E. Askew and Dr. J. C. Anderson and Dr. E. L. Madison, Walter S. Buchanan will speak for Negro business men of East Liberty. Wednesday night the encampment will parade from headquarters in Masonic Temple, Center ave. at Junilla st., traverse the main Hill district streets and return to headquarters. A public reception will be held in Pythian Temple Wednesday night for visitors.

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NEGRO FRATERNAL ORDER PLANS CONVENTION HERE

Sessions Open Tomorrow In Church, With Many Talks Scheduled.

Supreme Encampment, Knights and Daughters of Jerusalem, will hold a convention in Pittsburgh this week for the first time in 42 years. The program will begin with a thanksgiving service Sunday night in Wesley Center African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, at Francis st. and Center ave. Mrs. Naomi G. Walker will deliver a welcome address. Mrs. Harriet M. Butler will introduce Dr. E. L. Madison, who will deliver the thanksgiving sermon. C. E. Ward will relate the history of the order and Marcus Ruffin of Washington, D. C., will pray. Officers will be introduced by C. E. Ward.

Monday at 10 a. m. there will be a public session. Mayor Kline is scheduled to deliver a welcome address. Marcus Ruffin of Washington, D. C. will respond. Dr. W. H. Christian will welcome the convention on behalf of the Citizens Federation of Pittsburgh and Allegheny. Dr. George L. Winstead will speak for Negro physicians; Richard F. Jones for the Moorfield Story Law Club and Robert Turner for the Negro business men.

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Knights and Daughters of the World.
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A. M. Williams To Lead K. & D. of W.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 3.—A Morris Williams was elected and installed imperial regent of the Knights and Daughters of the World, at the fourth biennial convention which has just closed here, it was announced Saturday night.

Business sessions were held at the new Elks' hall. The opening program was held at the Big Bethel A. M. E. Church. A banquet featured the closing session.

Other officers selected follow:

Mary E. Moseley, imperial worshipful mistress; Amanda L. Wells, first recording treasurer; Mary W. Caldwell, imperial P. regent; Hattie C. Hunter, imperial C. messenger; Irene Royston, junior messenger; Hattie Holloway, imperial levite; Katie C. Wells, imperial inner guard; William E. Turner, imperial outer guard; Annie Grey, imperial oratoress.

Members of the board of directors were named as follows:

Amanda Wells, Mary E. Moseley, Geneva Haugabrooks, Anna Coleman, Dollie Alexander, William T. Reed.

The following were elected as trustees:

Eliza Warner, Alice Carson, Mary L. Thomas, Mollie Medloc.

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Knights of the Guiding Star of the East.

K. B. BRADLEY GETS HIGHEST OFFICE IN GUIDING STAR

State Head of Knights of Guiding Star of East Elected to Highest Position in the Order.

R. B. Bradley, state grand master of Georgia, of the Knights of the Guiding Star of the East, has been given the highest executive position of the order, Interstate National Supreme Grand Master U. S. A. Being a man able to shoulder heavy responsibilities and one of fraternal experience and his efficient leadership of the Georgia jurisdiction has caused us to point with pride and pleasure to see this able and successful leader take up the mantle that was dropped by our late lamented Prof. J. H. Williams, who held this honorable position for a number of years and answered the death summons Sunday afternoon, September 16. Prof. Williams was also S. G. M. of the State of Arkansas.

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This new office will in no way interfere with the present position of the S. G. M. Therefore the personnels of the State Grand Lodge Affairs of Georgia will remain the same under the official guidance and leadership of Mr. Bradley, as the S. G. M. of Georgia, who has served seven years as State Grand Secretary, and is now serving his tenth consecutive term as S. G. M. of Georgia. It is understood that the headquarters of the National Grand Master will be located at Atlanta, Ga., after he has made his official survey at the national office at Morrilton, Ark., where all the detail information and data will be obtained for his future guidance.

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Knights of Pythias

BARE FACTS IN PYTHIAN CONTROVERSY

Order Showed Great Improvement

Birmingham, Ala., July 27.—Following closely on the order of Judge William Walker of the chancery court in Birmingham, Ala., appointing William H. Carter, treasurer of Tuskegee, receiver of the endowment department of the Knights of Pythians of Alabama, a supersedeas bond holding up the receivership was filed and an appeal from the judge's decision was taken to the supreme court of Alabama.

This is the second time within the year that the Pythians have been to the supreme court.

According to information secured by a special representative of The Chicago Defender, the attorney general of Alabama filed a bill in June, 1927, to have a receiver appointed for the endowment department. A demurrer to the bill interposed by the Pythians was sustained and the attorney general appealed to the supreme court. Early this year the supreme court rendered a decision upholding the lower court and decided that the attorney general had not authority to ask for a receiver for the order. The attorney general then used the influence of his office to secure the indictment of two of the most prominent Pythians in Alabama, Dr. U. G. Mason and R. A. Blount. When the cases were reached on the calendar they were nolle prossed by the county solicitor on the ground that there was not evidence to support a prosecution.

Attorney General an Official

Inquiring why the attorney general showed so much personal interest in prosecuting the Pythians, it was learned that the attorney general was the grand chancellor of the white Pythians, who had always wanted the other order ousted from the state. Prior to his court action the attorney general secured an order from the governor authorizing a special examination of the endowment department of the Pythians. Strangely enough, the grand keeper of records and seals of the white Pythians was directed to make this examination. Because the examination contained "criticisms and conclusions" without a financial statement the superintendent of insurance turned down the report. After the attempts of the attorney general were thwarted, a small band of "discontents" within the order who had concealed their identities behind the attorney general, filed a bill for receiver in their own names. The record of the chancery court shows, however, that out of 15 men whose names were used in the petition, only three, Oscar W. Adams, John Butts and J. A. Lafayette, have taken an active part in the proceedings.

Among some of the 22 specific charges in the bill were allegations criticizing the endowment department in purchasing a piece of property located on Fourth Ave. In answering that charge the records show an affidavit that the only irregularities were that one of the complainants, Oscar Adams, had received from the real estate broker $400 for using his influence in seeing that the deal was made. The property was purchased in 1923 at a price of $50,000 and is now conservatively appraised at $120,000.

Buy Publishing House Stock

The ninth allegation charged the officers with fraudulently purchasing bonds secured by the National Baptist Publishing house in Nashville, Tenn., alleging that said bonds were worth $51,000 and the order paying $60,000 for the same. At the time the bill was filed the affidavit of T. C. Windham, the nationally known contractor of the building, showed that the interest had been paid on $60,000 at each interest due date and that six months before the principal was due the full amount of $60,000 was paid into the treasury of the order. The various allegations in the bill were answered in similar fashion by persons of integrity who had knowledge of the facts.

No charge of insolvency of the endowment department was made, but merely loose statements of graft, fraud and conspiracy to deplete the treasury. From the affidavits on file no affirmative proof was offered to sustain these statements. On the other hand, the records show affidavits of Samuel Barnett, one of the oldest and most prominent actuaries of the South; F. M. Speakman, the nationally known actuary of Philadelphia, Pa., who was appointed special examiner by the insurance department; Frank Julian, former insurance commissioner and prominent actuary, all of whom had examined the books and records of the endowment department, stating that there has been a continual growth in size and strength in the Pythian order ever since the present officers have been in control. Mr. Speakman says in his affidavit that it is in better shape financially than 90 per cent of other similar organizations, white or black, in the state, and that from his examination he has found nothing which would justify the appointment of a receiver and, in his opinion, such appointment would seriously injure the rights and interests of the policyholders.

No Evidence of Corruption

Mr. Barnett stated that the order stood the test of solvency used by the recognized companies in the South and had the same test as was recognized in the Masons' annuity fund which was passed upon and approved by the supreme court of Georgia. Mr. Julian's affidavit states that in his examination of the affairs of the organization he found no evidence of corruption or fraud in the management and that there was nothing which would justify the disruption of the society by the appointment of a receiver. Various examinations showed that all funds were properly accounted for and that all of its assets were in secured bonds, mortgages, centrally located business property and cash on savings account. He felt, however, that there was too much on savings account which at that time amounted to more than $125,000, upon which the company had received as interest during the year 1927 $4,000. From the showing made by the Pythians, leading lawyers here felt that the action of the judge in appointing a receiver was unprecedented and unheard of and unnecessary. It is not shown in the bill of complaint just what is expected by the receivers.

Since the organization is solvent it would be folly to bring about a dissolution of the organization. If the receiver is to run the organizatoin it is not shown how long or on what conditions it would be turned back to the Pythians or to what officers. Some persons here felt that there are a few ambitious members who would like to get control of the order and, having been repudiated by the large mass of the members on numerous occasions, they seek to wreck the organization and in so doing they find a willing hand from certain whites who always encourage the ruin of the Race by self-destruction. The large mass of Pythians in Alabama are supporting the present officers in every way possible.

All Officers Re-elected

At the recent grand lodge held on July 10 all officers were re-elected unanimously and their reports were enthusiastically approved. A vote of confidence was given by a substantial in some of the officers' salaries. The present insurance commissioner, George H. Thighpen, was present and made a splendid address on the financial standing of the order. In view of the recent growth of the Pythians it is readily apparent that much of the success is due to the sagacity and business acumen of Dr. U. G. Mason, the endowment treasurer. He was elected to that office in 1908, at which time the order had $20,000 in assets and upwards of $35,000 in liabilities. The last examination by the insurance department was filed on June 15 and shows that at present there are admitted assets of the Pythians of upwards of $675,000, with accrued liabilities of $20,000, showing a surplus of $655,000.

In appreciation of Dr. Mason's worth to the order he has been annually re-elected for the past 20 years. Upon investigation, the various examinations made of his books and affidavits on file, it is shown that not one cent remains unaccounted for. It was also found that the grand chancellor, R. A. Blount, W. H. Brazier, grand keeper of records and seals, the endowment board of which Dr. I. B. Kigh is chairman, and Morris Smith secretary, have the respect of the entire membership with the exception of a few members who are said to be "on the outside trying to get in." Conferences have been held with the legal representatives of the Pythians, among whom are former Chancery Judge Hugh Locke, the firm of Fort, Beddow & Ray and Ex-State Senator G. Ernest Jones, Hon. Forney Johnston and A. E. Brown, grand attorney of the Pythians. This array of legal talent, among the best in the South, are confident that the Pythians will be victors when the matter comes on for hearing in the supreme court. Attorney S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, representing the supreme lodge, has been present at all of the court sessions and Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans was present on two occasions.

In the event of reverses in the state courts the supreme order is prepared to take the case to federal court in order to rid Pythianism in Alabama of obstructionists who seek to destroy it, the present officials say.

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Prejudice Between Native and Alien Born Causes Dissension In Ranks Of Several Of The Harlem Fraternities

McDonald Ifill Protests Being 'Blackballed' By Manhattan Lodge, K. of P., Because He Is Not a Native-Born U. S. Citizen

The Age recently reported the annual election of a large fraternal organization in which the foreign born element of the lodge took over control because of alleged prejudice shown them by the American born officials who had been in office for some time.

Since the publication of this article several cases of prejudice within the race of American born Negroes—against West Indians, and of West Indians against Americans—have come to light. The most recent example of this kind of prejudice in the fraternal circles of Harlem is contained in charges made by A. McDonald Ifill of 2376 Seventh avenue against the Manhattan Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

An Active Pythian.

Mr. Ifill, who is a brother of Attorney James P. Ifill and active in several fraternal and civic organizations, has been vice chancellor commander of the Crispus Attucks Lodge, No. 2, K. of P. of Boston, Mass. He also organized the first Mechanics Lodge in the State of Massachusetts and the only Free Gardners Lodge in the Bay State. When he applied for a transfer, or reinstatement, to the Knights of Pythias in New York, through Manhattan Lodge, he alleges that he was informed that "We don't take West Indians in our lodge."

The man who proposed his name is said ot have told him that "The only thing that may pass you is the fact that you have been a citizen so long and a Pythian before." When his name was presented to the lodge, Mr. Ifill alleges that he was "blackballed" because of his foreign birth.

A strong letter of protest was written the lodge by Mr. Ifill, who said among other things:

A Nefarious Practice.

For black people to exclude other black people from organizations merely on account of geographical location of the place of their birth is ignorance. Every black person of intelligence should do everything possible to stamp out this nefarious practice which belongs to the darker ages.

"Probably you are not aware of the fact that in President Coolidge's Cabinet is a foreign born; also the last man we sent from this state to represent us in the United States Senate is of foreign birth. Of course they are white; and white people know the meaning of UNITY. We yet prefer to remain apart.

"Your vicious practice I shall bring to the attention of the State Grand Lodge, the Supreme Chancellor Commander and other organizations of the State. Such practices not only injure a very good Order, but they undo all of the good work we have done for the past fifteen years in bringing about a better understanding, and a closer union between people who dwell together.

Is Crass Ignorance.

"My only desire to be among you now would be to reform you if such a thing is possible. Such crass ignorance as practiced by you, if allowed to go on unchecked, will do more to keep our race in perpetual slavery than anything else can.

"In closing, I must warn you that a people divided against itself cannot stand. Black men are black men, whether they were born in Georgia, South Carolina or Trinidad, and are equally oppressed without thought as to the places of their birth. Then for the good of ourselves and the community in which we live, we sholud forever cast aside ignorance and erect in its place intelligence and light, and practice even in a small degree, the great principles and brotherly love which were so ably exemplified by Damon and Pythias. Then, and not till then can we call ourselves anything but just damned fools."

A. McDONALD IFILL,
Editor of the Light and a True and Real Pythian.
Dalton, Ga., Citizen

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Colored K. of P. Order Installes New Officers

The colored Knights of Pythias held their installation of officers at New Hope Baptist church, Monday night, with W. D. G. C. Camp presiding.

Officers installed at this meeting, to serve the order for six months, are Oscar Easley, chancellor commander; Harold Walker, vice-chancellor commander; James Suttles, master of work; Charles Maxwell, keeper of records and seal; Perry Stearns, master exigem; Clifford Morris, master of finance; Rev. J. C. Muny, prelate; Richard Wofford, master at arms; John Phillips, inner guard; Charles Wofford, outer guard.

After the installation services, the members of the lodge returned to the Castle Hall, where a banquet was held in honor of the courts, their wives and other friends of the knights. There were about 150 guests present.

Delegate Named.

Charlie Maxwell, was elected representative, to attend the Grand Lodge convention, to be held at Columbus, Ga., in July, of this year.

Knights of Pythias.

National Benefit Life Insurance Company Aids Pythians of West Virginia

President Rutherford Announces Loan $55,000.00 to Fraternal Organization to Assist Them in Erecting Modern Office Building.

Announcement has just been made by Mr. R. H. Rutherford, president of the National Benefit Life Insurance Company, that his organization had completed arrangements to loan $55,000 to the Wheeling Pythian Association, on the erection of a modern office building by that association, on the site known as premises 1025-27 Chapline Street, Wheeling, West Virginia. The Pythians have held title to this property for some time, having purchased it for a moderate figure when Chapline was a closed street; but recently this street has been cut through and connected the main boulevard leading out of Wheeling, and this property, with other, overnight enhanced in value, and is now in the heart of the business center of the city. Real estate barons, after being frustrated in their endeavor to buy out the Pythians, retaliated by making it impossible for the Pythians to be financed by all white financial institutions in Wheeling. It was reported that these institutions kept the Pythians in suspense from time to time, and eventually turned them down, or quoted such onerous terms that they were unthinkable.

The Pythians conferred with the National Benefit Life Insurance Company and made known their project of erecting a modern office building, including stores, a

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THE NATIONAL BENEFIT ORGANIZATION AIDS ANOTHER RACE PROJECT

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theatre and auditorium. The National Benefit Life Insurance Company following its invariable custom in such matters considered the soundness of the proposition of financing the Pythians and finally closed negotiations, whereby it is advancing the Pythians $55,000 as needed to complete the erection of their proposed building project. The plans have been approved by the Department of Building Inspection of Wheeling authorizing Samuel Plato, race contractor, of Louisville, Kentucky, to erect the building and the razing of the present dwellings has already started.

This is another tangible case where the National Benefit Life Insurance Company has made it possible for members of our group to retain and consolidate business trenches already acquired.

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COLORED PYTHIAN LODGES ASSEMBLE

Grand Lodge Officers and Delegates Will Arrive To-Night.

With the registration of delegates this afternoon in Pythian Temple the annual State convention of the colored lodges, K. of P., opens here to-day to continue with afternoon and evening sessions until Thursday.

The special train with the grand lodge officers and delegates will reach Brockton at 5:30 where a reception committee consisting of Sergt. Edward Johnson, Maj. Goings, Mrs. Ira Torrence and Mrs Francis Hargrove will meet them and accompany them to Pythian Temple, the convention hall.

To-night at 7:45, religious exercises and public welcoming addresses in Pythian Temple, West Elm street, will take place. To-morrow marks the opening of the regular session with the passing on credentials. Tuesday night, there will be the grand ball and banquet in Pythian Temple.

The general committee includes Capt. Thomas Reid, chairman; Mrs. Ophelia Smith, assistant; Mrs. Lena Gomes, secretary; Sergt. Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Harris, assistant; Lieut. Albert Torrence housing committee; Sergt. Edward Johnson, reception committee; Mrs. Mary Humphrey, programme; Mrs. Ira Torrence, entertainment; Mrs. Geraldine Johnson, finance; Corp. Philip Terry, transportation; M. J. Anderson, sports; Corp. Lewis Terry, grounds; Corp. James Black, John Wells, and Maj. Jacob Goings, purchasing committee; H. Burr, William Carey, Antonio Gomes, Andrew Easton, Joshua Goings, William Soloman, Frank Humphrey, Richard Hargrove, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. Rebecca Hargrove, Ellery Manning, Miss Claire Hargrove, Mrs. Doris Young, Mrs. Nathan Johnson Miss Iva Hargrove, R. L. Royster, guards.

NAME TUSKEGEE MAN RECEIVER

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 19.—William H. Carter, treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, was named as receiver of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Monday, by Judge William Walker.

The naming of Carter as a receiver is the outgrowth of court proceedings started several months ago by Phillip Shorter, and other members of the Negro organization, when they asked that a receiver be named on the grounds that officers of the order were negligent.

The complaint was brought for Shorter and other members of the order by John Altman, Koenig and Harwell G. Davis, attorneys.

The complaint charged that R. A. Blount, U. G. Mason and E. A. Brown, attorneys, all of Birmingham, were in control of the grand lodge, and had been for many years.

That at various times Mason, Blount and Brown converted property of the grand lodge to their own use, and that they used money which belonged to the order.

Officers of the order, through their attorneys, Judge W. E. Fort, Judge Hugh Locke and Senator G. Ernest Jones, died the charges brought by Shorter and other members of the lodge, and will ask Judge Walker to allow them to make a supersedeas bond, in order to stay the court action, naming a receiver.

Colored Knights of Pythias Will Meet in Syracuse Next Year

In the closing session of the Grand Lodge, Colored Knights of Pythias, held late yesterday in the Zion A. M. E. church, Syracuse was selected as the convention city for next year. Ithaca and Yonkers were also considered. John H. Wallace of this city was elected grand inside guard. Other officers elected for the coming year are:

Lee Crawford, grand chancellor; B. F. Bundy, grand vice chancellor; Joseph C. Tuttle, grand prelate; J. B. Cumberbatch, grand reserve fund secretary and brigadier general of the state; P. P. Kelly, keeper of records and seal; Dr. W. C. Brown, master of exchequer; W. H. Thompson, grand treasurer of the reserve fund department; L. J. Alexander, of Syracuse, grand master-at-arms; W. H. Parker, grand marshal; Brother Simmons, grand lecturer; W. W. Taylor, past grand chancellor; trustees, Peter Finney, J. N. Labitue and W. J. Banks.

The Grand Court, Order of Calanthe, elected the following officers at a meeting in the Bethel A. M. E. church: Bessie R. Johnston, grand worthy councillor; Margaret Oby, grand worthy inspectrix; Maddie E. Gailey, grand worthy inspector; Mamie Rhodman, grand worthy receiver of deeds; Ida V. Evans, grand worthy receiver of deposits; Ethel J. Minton, secretary of endowment; Edith Brown, grand worthy receiver of accounts on endowments.

In the afternoon, following a concert by the New York Brigade Band, under the direction of Arthur Phillips, the delegates paraded to Stow Park, accompanied by the band, where the commander-in-chief reviewed the uniform rank.

A farewell reception and dance was held at Herald Hall last night.

R. K. K. D. MEMBERS FROM NINE STATES ARRIVE TOMORROW

Negro Fraternal Society to Hold Big Three-Day Convention in Durham

The Royal Knights of King David, Negro fraternal society with its home office in Durham, opens its 45th General States Grand Lodge meeting here tomorrow at 10:00 a. m., with delegates from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland in attendance. The meeting will continue through Wednesday and Thursday.

The opening session will be at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, at St. Joseph A. M. E. church, with Prof. W. G. Pearson, local educator and business man, presiding. Prof. Pearson has been connected with the organization for 43 years, in an official capacity.

Wednesday and Thursday, at 10:00 a. m., morning sessions devoted to round-table discussions will be held. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, afternoon sessions beginning at 2:00 p. m., will be devoted to the business of the society.

Plans for the establishment of an educational loan fund, plans for the establishment of a system of industrial and agricultural loan banks or associations, similar to that recently organized in Durham and the readjustment of the rates of its inadequate rate membership are to be among the measures to be brought before the meeting.

The Royal Knights is the oldest Negro business enterprise in Durham, and has been experiencing a rapid development in the last two or three years. Its new building, occupied by the home office which is the national headquqarters for the society, will be the headquarters for the present meeting.

The present officers of the society are: J. L. Pearson, supreme grand master; W. G. Pearson supreme grand secretary; Bessie Gilmer, supreme treasurer; J. M. Avery, supreme deputy grand master, and Dr. Clyde Donnell, supreme medical examiner. J E. Ormes, home office manager, and an expert on fraternal insurance has charge of the development of the society, and Margaret Spencer, formerly clerk for the Masonic benefit fund, is in charge of the development of the juvenile department which has been recently re-rated and is rapidly being extended.

W. H. CARTER RECEIVER K. P. ENDOWMENT DEPT.

JUDGE WALKER ISSUES DECREE; DEFENDANTS GO TO SUPREME COURT

Judge William Walker of the Tenth Division of the Circuit Court issued a decree Tuesday in favor of the complainants against the officers of the Endowment Department of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama.

In the decree, the judge required the complainants to post a bond of $10,000 and the Receiver a bond of $75,000. These bonds were posted and the decree makes this statement: "Therefore it further appearing to the undersigned Judge that a Receiver should be forthwith appointed of the Endowment Department of the Respondent; and further that the Receiver so appointed shall execute a bond as Receiver in the penal sum of Seventy - five Thousand Dollars ($75,000) payable to the Register of this Court, conditioned that the Receiver shall well and truly discharge and perform the duties of his said office, and account for all monies which shall come into his hands by virtue of his said appointment, and surrender and pay over and finally settle for all property and assets of the said Endowment Department of Respondent, which shall come into his hands by virtue of said appointment, and shall perform all other duties required of him by the orders of this said Circuit Court, as Receiver in said cause;

"Now, Therefore, it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that William H. Carter, (who is the Treasurer of the Tuskegee Institute, residing at Tuskegee, Alabama,) shall be and he is hereby appointed and made Receiver of the Endowment Department of the Respondent, otherwise known as the Insurance Department of the Mortuary Fund of Respondent; of all of the activities and business and affairs of the said Endowment Department of Respondent, as distinguished from the purely fraternal department and activities of the Respondent; of all the monies, bonds, actions and choses in action, of all the personal property of whatever kind or description there may be, of all the real estate and real property in and to which the Respondent's Endowment Department has an interest, or a claim; said appointment to be immediately effective upon the said William H. Carter filing a bond as Receiver in the sum and as provided for hereinabove in this Decree."

It is understood that defendents in this case have made a supersedeas bond and have gone to the Supreme Court. This being a very special matter, it is expected that the Supreme Court will act in a very short while.

It is also remembered that the Supreme Court has had this matter before it on a complaint brought by the Attorney General Charlie C. McCall and sustained Judge Walker of the lower court who ruled in favor of the defendants on the grounds that the Attorney General was not the proper party to bring the suit, but set out in the decree a remedy if the allegations could be proven.

It appeared to Judge Walker that the charges in the bill were proven nd the defendants found guilty.

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PYTHIANS NEED NEW LEADERSHIP

With a deficit of practically $1,000,000 staring them in the face, and with the supreme lodge without cash, credit or goodwill; with the national temple of the order unfinished in Chicago after several years, and with the possibility that the building can not be rented when or if it is ever completed, it is a grave and menacing situation which faces the supreme lodge of the Colored Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

In this crucial period in the history of the supreme body the subordinate (state) jurisdictions can not afford to be unconcerned regarding the future of the supreme lodge, for if the supreme lodge should go into the hands of receivers, such action would affect every subordinate lodge and every member of the Pythian order—at least to some extent.

The present supreme chancellor seems to be unable to make any appreciable headway in finishing the national temple of the order, and in liquidating some of the fraternity's pressing financial obligations.

Because of his seemingly hostile attitude towards the South at the 1927 supreme lodge, and the fact that the richest and most substantial grand jurisdictions of the order are located below the Mason and Dixon line, the titular head of the order has made futile endeavors to obtain financial assistance from some of these Dixie jurisdictions; but the huge deficit still exists and receivership, disgrace and discredit are not remote possibilities.

In a time like this the order needs a new leadership which can harmonize the disgruntled and dissatisfied factions; a man as supreme chancellor who has the ability to grapple with and solve such gigantic problems as now face the supreme body of the order; a man who can inspire confidence and faith; a man who will not play politics when the very life of the order is at stake; a successful business man, rather than a mere dreamer.

There are many able and outstanding men connected with the supreme lodge of the Colored Knights of Pythias, but The Informer regards W. S. Willis of Dallas, grand chancellor of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas, as the most available man for the position of supreme chancellor of the order at this time.

Mr. Willis has attracted national attention and begotten universal respect because of his financial and economic accomplishments as head of the order in the Lone Star State, bringing it from a state of virtual insolvency to the forefront of all grand jurisdictions in the short space of ten years.

This feat was not made possible through "luck," or "breaks," but due to the well-planned program of the master mind at the helm of the fraternal ship in this state.

Assuming control of the barque as pilot when it appeared as if the vessel would be dashed upon the rocks and sent to an untimely grave, as the cool, calm and collected captain, Mr. Willis called his crew about him, bared his plans, asked for suggestions and then urged that all unite their forces to weather the impending storm and bring the fraternal ship safely into the harbor.

The Informer does not hail Mr. Willis as any "miracle man," or "financial prodigy," but this paper does pronounce him as the best fitted man to assume the office of supreme chancellor of the Colored Knights of Pythias; and his election is imperative if the order is to measure arms nationally with other racial organizations of a fraternal nature.

Knights of Pythias.

PYTHIANS IN DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Many Attend Opening of New Temple

By JACK E. ROSS

Never in the history of Chicago was there an achievement, whether fraternally, religiously, socially or otherwise, more fittingly celebrated than the dedication of the $1,400,000 National Pythian Temple at 37th Pl. and State St., Dec. 11.

Long before the dedication exercises began the magnificent auditorium and the adjoining rooms on the eighth floor were thronged with Pythians and friends from many parts of the country. The streets on both sides of the edifice were crowded.

Dedicate Temple

At 11:15 the uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias of Illinois and the ladies of the Order of Calanthe of Illinois marched into the auditorium headed by their band. The audience was then called to order by Sir S. A. T. Watkins, supreme attorney, who made a few remarks as to "why we are here." Invocation was offered by Rev. Mundy of Kentucky. The master of ceremonies, Dr. A. A. Wesley, grand chancellor of Illinois, was then introduced by Sir Watkins, who in turn introduced Mrs. Rosa E. Hoard, grand worthy counsellor of Illinois. Music was rendered by the uniform rank band.

Addresses were made by Dr. E. A. Williams, past grand chancellor; Sir E. D. Green, secretary of Pythian temple commission, and Sir E. G. Tidrington, supreme vice chancellor and ex-officio supreme worthy counselor. The dedication ceremonies were followed by the benediction by Rev. N. C. Nix, supreme prelate.

Dr. Wesley, in a short talk, gave a resume of the untiring and persistent efforts that were put forth by Sir Green in carrying into effect and consumation the construction of the temple. Alluding to the auxiliary and its vital place in the order, he told of the founding of the Order of Calanthe. Dr. Wesley also laid stress on the fight made by Sir Watkins in Washington when he said to the members at the session: "Gentlemen, we cannot close this session until arrangements are definitely made for this temple." And they were made.

The orator of the day was Maj. Gen. Robert "Bob" Jackson. "We know the value of a dollar the same as other races," Major Jackson said. "It is not what is around us, but what is in us that counts. We are progressing in all lines the same as other races."

Leaders Speak

"We have produced men that have been equalled, but not excelled, and since we all worship at the same shrine of all endeavors, the sooner we understand each other the quicker will we get together."

Hon. Oscar DePriest, congressman-elect said: "My first endeavor upon taking my seat in congress will be to fight for our cadets in West Point, with a view toward having them commissioned in the United States army as they fit themselves from time to time. Our boys are good enough to fight for their country in time of war, why then should they not be equally good enough to become officers of the fighting units."

Anthony Overton, president and founder of Douglass National bank said: "This occasion represents another milestone, and as organizations increase, so will developments of our welfare and national recognition increase. The more dollars that we represent the more respect will we command in our country and in the world at large." In his closing remarks, Mr. Overton emphasized the

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Masons.

Lawyers Present Oral Arguments To Highest Court

Washington, D. C.—(ANP)—The case of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, originating in Texas and involving the right of the Negro to continue the practice of the Arabic concepts of Masonry, brought before the U. S. Supreme Court under a writ of certiorari, was argued on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Inasmuch as the Negro contingent had obtained the writ upon which the case was brought before the court, there was a reversal of position as compared with the presentation of the case before the courts of Texas, where the white Shriners appeared as complainants.

The case was heard before a full bench and many of the justices exhibited a close attention to the oral arguments which, according to supreme court practice, was confined to one hour for each side. Messrs, S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White of the firm of Denison, Watkins and White, the imperial counsellors for the A. E. A. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Chicago attorneys, assisted by Attorney Davis of the Moorfield Storey law firm of Boston, represented the race group, Mr. Davis making the argument.

The white Shriners were represented by one Mr. Pollard of Texas who handled the case in Houston. He, as was to be expected, injected a considerable play to prejudicial emotions, in one instance making a reference to Chief Justice Taft having been invited to witness the Negro convention parade in Washington. Justice Taft retorted from the bench that the fact that a justice witnessed the parade should hardly reflect against the appellants.

The case is of nation-wide consequence to Negroes because of the potentialities lurking in its outcome becoming a precedent for similar actions of many different sorts where similar organizations exist.

It is problematic as to when a decision will be handed down, as there is no definite schedule or practice on the part of the court in the matter of decisions.

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate, with several of his imperial staff, has been in Washington all week long holding themselves available for consultation with attorneys and watching the progress of the case which marks the final stages of about nine years of litigation. Efforts at repression have involved the order in Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas during that time.

Should the decision prove favorable, it is expected that a tremendous impetus to the order will result.

There were comparatively few colored people in the court during the progress of the arguments. This was due to the uncertainty as to just when the case would come up for hearing since the calendar mentions only Monday of the week concerned.

HIGHEST TRIBUNAL IS ASKED TO END DISPUTE OF FRATERNAL ORDERS

By LOUIS R. LAUTIER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—The supreme court of the United States has under consideration the Mystic Shrine case in which Shriners of our Race are seeking a review of the decision of Texas courts enjoining them from using the name, emblem and insignia of the Order of Mystic Shrine. Argument in the case was concluded by Attorney General Claude Pollard of Texas last Friday. He represented the white Shriners.

Argument for the Race Shriners was made last Thursday by Harold S. Davis, a white attorney. Samuel A. T. Watkins and James E. White, attorneys, of Chicago, Ill., sat at the counsel table with Mr. Davis but took no part in the argument.

By their questioning of counsel, some members of the supreme court indicated that they doubted that the court had jurisdiction to review the decision of the Texas courts. Attorney General Pollard advised them, however, that the question of jurisdiction had been purposely waived by the white Shriners in order that a final controlling decision might be obtained from the highest court on the right of the white Shriners to the exclusive use of the name, emblems and insignia of the Mystic Shrine.

Whatever right of action the white Shriners may have had against Race Shriners for the use of the name, emblems and insignia of the Order of Mystic Shrine, Mr. Davis had contended, had been lost by failure of the whites to assert that right within a reasonable time.

Cites Pythian Case

In supporting this contention he cited the case of Creswill against the Knights of Pythias, which originated in Georgia. The supreme court held in that case that the white Knights of Pythias were guilty of such long delay and acquiescence as defeated their right when it was shown that the Race order was permitted to exist for a number of years without objection from the white Knights of Pythias.

The whole case in the Texas courts turned on the question of race, Mr. Davis told the supreme court. The injunction was granted, he declared, because the defendants in the Texas trial court were dark and the plaintiffs were white. The whole record of the case, he said, was filled with inflammatory statements.

Mr. Davis denied that the white Shriners had any exclusive right to the use of the name, emblems and insignia of the Mystic Shrine. He contended that the Race Shriners had been denied the equal protection of the law as guaranteed to all citizens under the 14th amendment to the federal Constitution.

At the beginning of his argument Attorney General Pollard denied that the record in the Texas courts was filled with inflammatory matter for the purpose of influencing an improper judgment.

Parade Starts Trouble

White Shriners had no knowledge of the existence of Race Shriners in Texas until there was a parade of the Shriners in Houston in June, 1918, he declared. Six months later a suit for an injunction was filed by the white Shriners. Race Shriners claim that their first temple in Texas was instituted at El Paso on Jan. 12, 1902.

Attorney General Pollard emphasized the priority of the white Shriners. He contended that it gave them an exclusive right to the use of the name, emblems and insignia of the Mystic Shrine.

He also stressed the prestige that the white Shriners had attained and the charitable work they are doing, spending millions for the maintenance of crippled children. In Houston, where this controversy arose, he said that the local temple had recently spent $1,200 to restore a child of our Race to health and strength.

The white Shrine was organized in New York city in 1872 by a small group of Masons as a playground for Masonry. In 1876 the imperial council, the national governing body, was organized.

A Race Shrine was first organized in Chicago, Ill., in 1893, by a man calling himself Rofeld Pasha of Arabia, assisted by S. Hussein of Syria, Amel Kader of Palestine, and A. B. Belot of the north coast of Africa. Pasha claimed he was authorized by the Shrine in Arabia to institute the Shrine among our people in America.

Pasha delegated his authority to John G. Jones. Thirteen Race Masons, who were Knights Templar and 32d degree Scottish Rite Masons, were initiated into the Shrine. Palestine temple was organized on June 2, 1893. A grand imperial council was organized on June 10, 1893.

Jones sold to each Shriner a constitution and by-laws with emblems and regalia identical with that used by the white Shriners.

In 1894 the Race Shrine was incorporated in Illinois. In 1900 Jones was expelled. The Shrine met in Philadephia on Dec. 12, 1900, and reorganized, adding to its original name the word "Egyptian." It was incorporated in the District of Columbia on Nov. 18, 1901.

Shriners of both races trace their origin from the same source.

The injunction suit was originally a local controversy between Arabia temple (white) and Doric temple at El Paso, Tex. The national organization of Race Shriners voluntarily intervened as a party defendant and submitted itself to the jurisdiction of the Texas courts. Later the national organization of white Shriners intervened as a party plaintiff. The controversy then became national in scope. The injunction granted by the trial court was broadened to extend throughout the United States.

The suit for an injunction was filed on Dec. 14, 1918. The injunction was granted against Race Shriners on Feb. 22, 1924. Three Texas appellate courts affirmed the decision of the trial court. The Race Shriners then petitioned the supreme court of the United States for a review of the decision of the Texas courts.

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FIGHT ON NEGRO SHRINERS CARRIED TO SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The white shriners at Houston, Tex., filed in the supreme court yesterday a brief to be used in the oral argument of a mase brought by negro shriners to set aside an injunction granted by Texas courts restraining them from using the names and emblems of the white shriners.

In the brief the white shiners contended that a fraternal or benevolent organization was protected in the use of its distinctive names and emblems against "colorable" imita-

tions by any like organization without being required to show actual injury, or that any person has been misled, insisting that the law protests against any probable tendency to mislead.

Mystic Shriners' Argument Ended

Decision Expected Soon From U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—The Supreme Court of the United States has under consideration the Mystic Shrine case in which Negro Shriners are seeking a review of the decision of Texas courts enjoining them from using the name, emblems and insignia of the Order of Mystic Shrine.

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Reversal Sought In Decision Restraining Colored Body From Using Name, Insignia and Emblems

(Special to the St. Louis Argus)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The fight of white shriners to prevent colored Shriners of Texas from using their names, emblems and insignia was resumed in the United States Supreme court Wednesday.

The white Shriners filed a reply to the appeal of the colored shiners. The latter won their plea for a review of an injunction granted by a Texas court to the white Shriner organization restraining the colored lodge from using its Masonic name and insignia.

More than $900,000 in property owned by the colored lodge would be confiscated under the injunction the appeal argued.

The Texas Supreme Court had held that the colored order, called the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was infringing upon the white order known as the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In the reply filed in the Supreme court Wednesday the white Shriners set forth the argument that the question to be determined is whether they lost their rights by delay in asking an injunction. It was further set forth that the suit was instituted by the Arabic Temple at Houston to restrain the Doric Temple of Negro Shriners in that city as soon as the existence of the latter was known and within 1 1-2 years after its organization.

The National organization of white Shriners, which has intervened in the case, has held that local white Shriners had the right, when acting promptly to enjoin Negroes in the same communities from using the names, emblems and insignia of the white Shriners, without regards to dates of the organization of the national bodies.

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By E. S. BALLOU

TRENTON, N. J.—The Eightieth Annual Session of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge F. and A. M. Prince Hall Affiliation of New Jersey, was held December 27th and 28th with Powell K. Martin, Grand Master, presiding.

A temple which shall cost more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is already under construction and will probably be dedicated during the spring. Four thousand Masons from all parts of the state will attend these services.

The roster of officers are: Grand Master, P. K. Martin; Deputy Gr. Master, Edw. Hilton; Gr. Sen. Warden, E. S. Ballou; Gr. Jr. Warden, Hiram C. Smith; Gr. Secretary, Chas. A. Pope; Gr. Treasurer, Roscoe L. More.

ARGUMENT FINISHED IN SHRINE HEARING

Texas Attorney General Asserts White Shrine Entitled To Emblems Above Negroes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Argument was concluded in the Supreme Court today in the Mystic Shrine case. Atty. Gen. Pollard of Texas, completed his contention, begun yesterday, that the White Shrine was entitled to the exclusive use of its name and emblems, had property rights in them and that the Texas courts had properly, on the facts presented, enjoined the negro Shriners throughout the United States from continuing to use them.

Members of the court developed by questions during his argument that some of them questioned their jurisdiction to entertain the appeal of the negro Shriners, but were advised that the white Shriners had purposely refrained from challenging jurisdiction because of the desire to obtain a final controlling decision from the highest court on the questions at issue.

Atty. Gen. Pollard asserted that the evidence presented established that the adoption of the names and emblems by the negroes was for the purpose of fraud, to impose upon the public and obtain the advantages which belonged exclusively to the white Shriners and that the courts had properly enjoined such imposition.

MASONS HOLD ANNUAL MEET AND ELECTION

Confer Degrees; Dr. Furniss Banqueted

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss of Indianapolis, M. P., sovereign commander of the United Supreme council, A. A. S. R. of F. M., northern jurisdiction of the U. S. A., was a visitor at the annual meeting of Western consistory Jan. 28, when the following officers were elected: Illinois commander-in-chief, A. Babero, Sr. Illinois first lieutenant commander, George B. Fort; Illinois second lieutenant commander, Otis Carter; grand minister of state, Boyd J. Atkins; grand treasurer, A. H. Brantley; grand secretary, H. B. Cooper; assistant grand secretary, A. A. Neal; grand master of ceremonies, Harry Lacy; grand prior, William Woodard; grand standard bearer, James Thomas; grand captain of guards, L. H. Hill; grand chancellor, L. S. Johnson; grand hospitaler, Adolph Ireland; guards, U. S. Harvey, S. W. Springer, G. Hays and C. Austin; sentinel and assistant, J. C. Cooper and C. C. McCaskill.

Honor Guests

After the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Furniss were guests of honor at a banquet given by the members of the Western consistory at the Grand hotel. Short after-dinner greetings were extended by a number of the participants. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Babero, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dukes, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Otis Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Neal, Mrs. Gertrude Belay, Mrs. William Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Trice, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Fort, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Humphrey, Mrs. Florence Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. August Landry, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd J. Atkins, W. T. Moss, Harry Lacy, William Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. James Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Johnson, S. C. Jefferson, Morris Key, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hill, M. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brantley, Mrs. J. A. Lenox, S. E. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Williams, Mrs. Charles Greer, Mrs. Mary E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Washington, W. D. Ganaway, Wallace L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shaw, Harry Letcher R. J. B. Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Josephine Russell, Mrs. Sadie M. Carter, Mrs. Edna V. Jackson, Mrs. Katherine Johnson,, Mrs. Louvenia Cooper, Mrs. Harriet Hedrick, Mrs. Lillian Bell, Mrs. Mattie Estes, Mrs. Lane Skinner, Mrs. Julia J. Jackson, Mrs. Stella Metcalf, Mrs. P. Cowden, Mrs. Tvelyn Taylor, Mrs. Marie Pierson, Mrs. Sadie Humphrey.

On Jan. 29-30 the Scottish Rite degrees were completed on the following candidates: Bishop Archibald J. Carey, Albert Christmon, Robert Harper, William Bell, James Bell, Tower Banks, J. W. Washington, U. N. Caswell, Charles Crook, Prince Covington, Walter Galbreath, James Campbell, James Henderson, Henry Harris, William Davis, J. I. Harper, Charles Morrison, Archie H. Troutman, William J. Middleton, Robert Hughes, Albert Walker, A. Williamson, James M. Wiley, J. B. Shelton and George M. Crisup.

Scottish Riters Dedicate $250,000 Philly Cathedral

Philadelphia, Pa., May 25. — The United Supreme Council of the Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Prince Hall affiliation, northern jurisdiction, opened its 47th annual session here Sunday with the dedication of its new $250,000 cathedral. All national officers of the order were present excepting Robert C. Barnes of Detroit, Mich., grand minister of state, who died on the eve of the meeting. The dedicatory exercises were attended by members of the southern jurisdiction headed by their sovereign grand commander, Robert L. Pendleton of Washington, D. C.

A memorial altar was presented by Dr. Roland R. Johnson of Brooklyn to commemorate the long services of Bishop Levi J. Gibbs, an officer of the supreme council and also his long friendship for the donor's father, Bishop J. Albert Johnson. Samuel A. Furniss, Geo... W. Crawford, Joseph J. Lee, Conwell Baynton, Mrs. Lillian Bell, Milton N. White and Robert L. Pendleton. The elective officers of the supreme council are Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, Indianapolis, Ind., sovereign grand commander; George W. Crawford, New Haven, Conn., lieutenant grand commander; Joseph J. Lee, Columbus, Ohio, secretary general H. E.; William A. Heatham, Providence, R. I., treasurer general H. E.; Howard D. Gould, Philadelphia, Pa., grand keeper of archives, and Charles E. Gordon, Cleveland, Ohio, master of ceremonies.

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Supreme Court Adjourns on Texas Shrine Case

Washington, March 23.—The supreme court of the United States adjourned Monday without having handed down a decision in the case of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America (white) against the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which came before it on a writ of certiorari from the supreme court of Texas.

This is the second recess of the supreme court since this case was argued on Jan. 12 and 13. The supreme court adjourned on Jan. 23 and resumed its sessions on Feb. 20. It will end its present recess on April 9. If the supreme court should affirm the decision of the Texas supreme court when it decides the shrine case, Race persons will be enjoined from holding themselves out as Shriners and wearing the emblems and insignia of the order.

SHRINERS TO HOLD NATIONAL SESSION

The 29th annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Jurisdiction will be held August 15, 16 and 17 at the new Masonic Temple, Columbus, Ohio.

This is perhaps one of the most complete Masonic buildings in the United States, and was just completed at a cost of nearly $100,000. All the branches and auixiliaries of Masonry hold their meetings in it.

Plans have been perfected by the Housing Committee of the General Committee to care for upwards of 15,000 visitors. Practically all space in the Plaza Litchford and St. Clair Hotels has been reserved for the week, either through the committee or privately. Imperial Headquarters will be at the Plaza, which is said to be one of the most commodious hostelries among colored people in the middle west.

Among the features as is the usual custom, will be the spectacular parade, which will move from the Temple promptly at 2:00 p. m., August 16. and march throughout the business parts of Columbus, culminating in the exhibition competitive drill at the State Fair Grounds. In case of rain arrangements have been made to hold the drill in the Coliseum which will accommodate 15,000 people.

The Columbus Auditorium, a million dollar structure, which was completed less than a year ago, will be the scene of the awarding of the victor in the competitive drill.

It is expected that over 50 patrols, many with their bands, will take part in the parade, which in numbers and brilliancy, bids fair to surpass anything held in recent years in Columbus.

Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, North Carolina, is the Imperial Potentate; Levi Williams, of Jersey City, N. J., is the Recorder; John W. Patton is chairman of the General Committee; John P. Bowles is secretary.

Thousand Attending Negro Masons' Meet

Special to The News.

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 27. —Over a thousand out-of-town negroes are attending the annual convention of the Texas grand lodge of Masons (negro) at the mosque on East Ninth street. The meeting opened Mnoday and will continue through Friday. Two women's auxiliaries, the Order of Eastern Star and the Heroines of Jericho, are also represented.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday night, over which Grand Master J. A. Kirk of Waco presided.

On Monday the negro Masons laid the corner stone of a home for negro orphans being built at Stop 6, Fort Worth-Dallas Interurban.

National Compact York Rite Masons Win Legal Battle With Scottish Rite

Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy, of Fulton Superior Court, Denies Practically Every Prayer of Maryland Organization in Injunction Suit.

Atlanta, Ga., July 2, 1928.

The National Grand Lodge of Freeand Accepted Ancient York Rite Masons (National Compact), with Prof. S. S. Simmons, National Grand Master, has just won a completed victory over W. H. Benderson and Frank E. Mathews representing the new Scottish Rite organization set up in Baltimore, Maryland, in November of last year.

Mathews and Benderson had petitioned Fulton Superior Court to enjoin the York Rite Masons and stop them from operating. The York Rite Masons answered the suit and filed a cross-bill against the plaintiffs and asked that they be enjoined rather than the defendant. The case heard before Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy last Thursday and Friday resulted in a complete victory for the defendants, commonly known as York Rite Masons. After the case had been presented and fully argued by both sides, Judge Pomeroy signed an order which denied every prayer of Benderson and Mathews and granted practically every prayer of the York Rites enjoining the new organization from interfering in any way with the defendants and practically putting Benderson and Mathews out of business.

The York Rite Masons were represented by the law firm of Walden & Ricks, of which Captain A. T. Walden is the senior member, being also the National and State Grand Attorney for that order. The case as presented by Captain Walden was of a masterly character, and so well did he prepare and present his evidence and so thoroughly and convincingly did he argue his case that the result was never in doubt, and from all sides came many and high commendations for the victory won. National Grand Master S. S. Simmons ably assisted in the preparation of the case and sat hard by the attorney's side. These two men worked hard upon the case, and when they entered court every point was fully covered and the matter so well arranged and presented as to make a most favorable impression upon the large number there gathered, as well as to convince the judge before whom the case was tried. At the counsel table, aside from Mr. A. W. Ricks, Captain Walden's associate sat Grand Master W. H. Harper, Grand Secretary W. A. Bell and Grand Treasurer P. H. Travis, all of whom rendered valuable assistance in achieving the victorious result.

The following Order was passed by the court:

No. 76,594 — Fulton Superior Court, July term, 1928. In equity.

National Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons

vs.

Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge (Compact) of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, Colored, of the United States of North America, and Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge for the Jurisdiction of the State of Georgia.

Order

The above case coming on regularly for interlocutory hearing on the plaintiff's bill, as amended, and the defendant's answer and cross-bill, the plaintiff's counsel of record having announced in open court that the plaintiff did then and there abandon its prayers wherein it sought to enjoin the defendant from using the name of

"MOST WORSHIPFUL NATIONAL GRAND LODGE (COMPACT) OF FREE AND ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORK MASONS, COLORED, OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA,

and from giving the York Rite degress in Masonry, after hearing considering all the evidence adduced upon said trial:

It is hereby considered, ordered and adjudged, by the court:

First, That the application of plaintiff for injunctive an equitable relief against said defendant be, and the same is, hereby denied on all the grounds thereof.

Second, That the cross-bill of the defendant; that is, the York Rite Masonic body, for injunctive and equitable relief against said plaintif be, and the same is, hereby granted, as stated herein, and the plaintiff is enjoined and restrained as follows:

(A) That the plaintiff, as represented by said William H. Benderson and Frank E. Mathews, its officers, agents, and all persons acting under their authority, are enjoined and restrained from using the name "FREE AND ACCEPTED YORK MASONS" or its abbreviation, namely, F. & A. A. Y. M.

(B) That said plaintiff, its officers, agents and subordinate officers are enjoined and restrained from using the property, effects and warrant of authority which were held by its officers when they were working under defendant's jurisdiction.

(C) That the plaintiff, as represented by said Benderson and Mathews, its officers and agents of every kind, are enjoined and restrained from interfering in any way with the membership of defendant from threatening them or its officers.

(D) That said plaintiff, as represented by said Benderson and Mathews, its officers and agents,

are hereby enjoined and restrained from holding itself out as a York Rite Masonic body, and from conferring York Rite degrees in Masonry.

(E) That said plaintiff, as represented by said Benderson and Mathews, their officers and agents, are enjoined and restrained from threatening defendant's officers and members, as well as the officers, agents and members of the subordinate lodges, courts and higher degree officers and members of defendant order.

(F) That the plaintiff, as represented by said Benderson and Mathews, or their successors in office, are enjoined and restrained from operating, maintaining and conducting the fraternal order, incorporate, under the laws of the State of Maryland, under the name and style of "The Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Scottish Rite Masons (Colored) of the United States of America, Incorporated," or any colorable imitation of defendant's name.

This 30th day of June, 1928.

EDGAR E. POMEROY,
Judge Superior Court, Atlanta Circuit.

WALDEN & RICKS,
Solicitors for Defendants.

COLORED MASONS BURN MORTGAGE

Grand Lodge Closes Successful Year With New Building Fully Paid For

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 22.—Special to The Advertiser.—After electing Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods, the fifteenth year to the same position, and the endowment secretary, C. W. Peters, and Dr. R. B. Hudson, endowment treasurer, and A. Nixon, grand treasurer, followed the election of the former senior and junior warden, and R. P. Davis, grand secretary, and Dr. H. H. Cain, of Birmingham, medical director, the golden jubilee of the Negro A. F. & A. M. of the state of Alabama, devoted Thursday to the consideration of plans for the year.

The Grand Lodge closed Thursday night to meet in Mobile, after the address of Dr. Robert R. Moton, and the mortgage burning in the temple at 10 o'clock.

Starting the year, July 1, 1927, with cash on hand, $110,281, in the endowment treasury, and $4,194.95 in the Grand Lodge, the negro Masons of Alabama, through the officers of the Grand Lodge, handled during the year up to the close of the golden jubilee anniversary, the sum of $373,468.75, according to reports made by officers, Wednesday, leaving a balance on hand at the close of the lodge, $78,070.21 in the endowment treasury, and $13,189.41 in the hands of the Grand Lodge treasurer, the reports showed.

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National Grand Master, F. & A. A. York Rite Masons

This grand total included $245,803.26 received in the endowment department, and $13,189.41 collected by the treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

Burning the mortgage on the negro Masonic Temple, Seventeenth Street and Fourth Avenue, which took place in the main auditorium at ten o'clock Thursday night in the presence of 2,500 people filling even standing room, and the special address delivered on the occasion by Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, were features of the closing exercises of the three day meeting of the fiftieth anniversary, of the Grand Lodge of Negro A. F. & A. M., of the state of Alabama, Walter Thomas Woods, grand master.

Long before the time for the unique exercises to begin, visitors began filing into the temple determined to get seats in order to witness the ceremonies of the burning of the mortgage and hear Dr. Moton's address.

Dr. Moton, the disinguished leader of his race, reached the platform a few minutes of nine o'clock, accompanied by Grand Master W. T. Woods. He was greeted with waving of handkerchiefs.

T. M. Campbell, of Tuskegee Institute, led in the song, "Get On Board This Noble Vessel," and Grand Chaplain Mitchell offered prayer. P. D. Davis, grand secretary, presided and presented Grand Master Woods, who in turn presented Dr. Moton.

"I am hoping that you realize the significance of the occasion that brings us together tonight," Dr. Moton said. "Master of Ceremonies Davis has just stated what it means.

"In the course of ten years the Grand Ladge has come up out of an indebtedness of more than a hundred thousand dollars, built this noble brick and marble temple at a cost of $750,000, paid every dime on the structure without imposing an extra tax on the members and tonight we meet to witness the burning of the mortgage, which means that the Grand Lodge is out of debt and still has on hand $85,000 in cash.

"That is what this occasion means. This is the finest piece of work ever done by negroes in the history of the race.

"Do you want to know how it was accomplished? The answer is at hand. It was done by persistent cooperation, a demonstration of what the race can do by following the example set by the Alabama Grand Lodge, of A. F. & A. M., under the leadership of Grand Master W. T. Woods and his cabinet officers.

"Right here I want to pay a deserved compliment to Dr. R. B. Hudson, the efficient endowment treasurer. Dr. Hudson is one of the greatest men of the race. We all feel keenly his absence on account of illnss.

"The construction and paying off the debt of this building by negroes in so short a time, could not have entered the heart and vision of Harriette Beecher Stowe, or Abraham Lincoln.

"My heart and my work and my soul are with you in Alabama, and with your Grand Lodge under its present management, and you may depend on me at any time to do what I can to help.

"I will no longer apologize for negro failures. I used to do so, but this occasion closes my lips. If we follow the example set by this Grand Lodge of Negro Masons, there will be no failures."

CAESAR BLAKE IS RE-ELECTED BY SHRINERS

Other Officials Retained by Imperial Dwan in Annual Session at Columbus, Ohio

By R. C. FISHER
Special Telegram to the Argus

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 16.—Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte North Carolina, was re-elected for the 11th consecutive time, as Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Mystic Shrine Wednesday. All other members of the Imperial Dwan were re-elected. They are: Harry Knight, New York, Deputy Imperial Potentate; Clarence W. Baxter, Indianapolis, Imperial Chief Rabban; I. H. Bradbury, St. Louis, Imperial Assistant Rabban; A. W. Blaziel, New Orleans, Imp. Oriental Guide; Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., Imperial Treasurer; Levi Williams, Jersey City, Imperial Recorder; James R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Imperial First Ceremonial Master; Stewart C. Jefferson, Chicago and Isaac N. Carper, Charleston, W. Va., Imperial Captain of the Guard, and Henry C. Crowder, Birmingham, Imperial Outer Guard.

A gorgeous parade through the downtown section, Thursday afternoon, was a spectacular feature. A grand ball concluded the parade. Prizes amounting to $1500 were awarded patrols that won in the competitive contest.

J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks and Judge W. C. Hueston, president of the Educational Board of the Elks, delivered masterful addresses at the Thursday morning session of the Shriners.

Masons Send Dr. Lucas as Envoy to Europe

New Orleans, La., Sept. 2[illegible].—Dr. G W. Lucas, one of New Orleans most prominent physicians, whose plays ar equally important part in civics and fraterna movements, has been chosen by recent election of the supreme council of the Scottish Rite Masonic order to establish lodge relations in Europe, and is making plans for his first trip.

Dr. Lucas is one of the oldest physicians in our city in point of service in the profession, and aside from his large practice, holds office in several organizations. He is a member of the national board of directors of the N. A. A. C. P. and president of the New Orleans branch, deputy grand master of St. John grand lodge, A. F. and A. M., state of Louisiana, and treasurer general of the 33d degree Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the United States of America.

YORK RITE MASONS BARRED IN COLORADO

DENVER, Colo., Dec., (ANP.) — George G. Ross, counsel for the local Prince Hall Grand Lodge, won a suit before the state supreme court, in which the York Rite Hiram Grand Lodge are restrained from doing business at all in Colorado and from using the word Mason and from wearing, displaying any pins, emblems or insignia used by the plaintiff in the case or any other Masonic order.

The decision is expected to have a far-reaching effect on fraternal practices not only in Colorado, but all over the country, where those issues have been at stake.

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COLORED MASONS WILL MEET OPELIKA

Modern free and accepted colored masons will hold its supreme grand session at Bethseda Baptist Church, Opelika, April 9-10. Public is cordially invited.

J. B. Baldwin, S. G. M.; Rev. L. Meadows, S. G. M.; J. B. Ware, S. G. J. W.; Wm. E. Lindsey, supreme grand treasurer.

Ancient Arabic Order's Grand Negro Potentate Acquitted of Pretense

GULFPORT, Miss., May 23—Although victory's eagles screamed this afternoon for T. J. Cuney and Robert Jones, negro Masonic lodge organizers, acquitted in justice court on a charge of false pretense, the doves of peace sulked afar off and members of Rectitude Lodge No. 323 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of Mississippi, said the war had just started.

Cuney, whose home is in Jackson, and Jones, who hails from Picayune, claim official connection with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Queen Esther Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Sphinx.

Cuney bears the modest designation of Deputy Sovereign and Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Grand Orient of Washington, D. C. He is grand potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Anyway, Cuney and Jones were dismissed from custody on a charge of taking $7 from Earnest Garner for membership in the Cuney lodge on representation that it was the "only recognized and existing Masonic lodge in Mississippi." Dismissal followed a motion to quash the affidavit on the basis of a supreme court decision that the highest state court could not concern itself in squabbles between rival fraternal organizations.

The case against the two negro organizers had its inception here several weeks ago, but the hearing was postponed until the prosecution could investigate the claims of the Gulfport lodge members.

Counsel active in the case included Eugene Palmer of Jackson and Robert W. Thompson, Jr., of Gulfport, for the defendants, and County Attorney D. M. Graham, Jr., and Special Prosecutor R. C. Cowan for the state.

$250,000 MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATED

Scottish Rite Masons Hold Impressive Ceremony In Philadelphia Sunday

PHILADELPHIA—With all officers present, with the exception of Robert C. Barnes, of Detroit, Grand Minister of State, who died Saturday night the $250,000 Scottish Rite Cathedral was dedicated here, Sunday, as the opening event in the 47th Annual Session of the Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Free Masons.

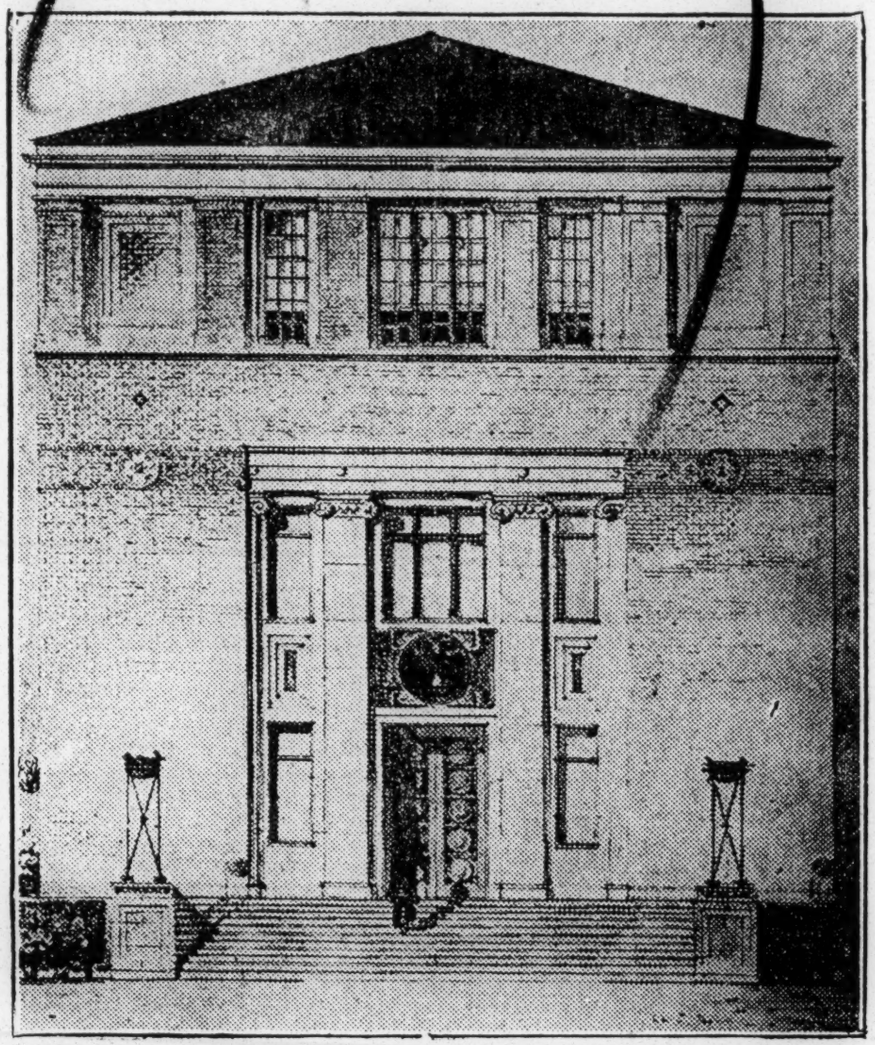
The building is a four story structure, the architecture of which is designed to represent the spirit of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and was designed by Horace W. Castor, who recently built the $2,000,000 Scottish Rite building for the white Masons of Philadelphia. On the ground floor are the Dining and Social Rooms, while the first floor is devoted to the Administration Offices, the Library and Fellowship Room. The second floor contains the consistorial chamber and ante-rooms for the use of the Subordinate Bodies of Order and the third floor contains the Sovereign Senate Chamber and Ante-Rooms.

One of the features of the exercises was the presentation of a handsome memorial altar by Dr. Roland R. Johnson, of Brooklyn, which was given to commemorate the long service of Bishop Levi J. Coppin as an officer of the Supreme Council.

The exercises were attended by members of the Scottish Rite from all of the Northern States and by representatives of the Southern judisdiction, headed by their Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert L. Pendleton of Washington. The Consistorial Chamber was consecrated by the DeMoley Consistory No. 1 of Philadelphia.

Elective officers of the Supreme Council are: Dr. Sumner A. Funiss, Indianapolis; George W. Crawford, New Haven, Conn.; Joseph J. Lee, Columbus; William A. Heathman, Providence, R. I.; Howard D. Gould, Philadelphia, and Charles E. Gordon, Cleveland.

Masons' New Cathedral



NEW CATHEDRAL of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation) in Philadelphia, which will be dedicated May 13.

Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons to Meet

PHILADELPHIA, April 30—The forty-seventh annual session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (Prince Hall Affiliation), Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A. Inc., will convene in the city of Philadelphia Monday, May 14.

Ill. Robert L. Pendleton, 33d degree, most puissant sovereign grand commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, will attend together with his entire cabinet.

The officers of the United Supreme Court of the Northern Jurisdiction are as follows: Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33d degree, Indianapolis, Ind., most puissant sovereign grand commander; Ill. George W. Crawford, 33d degree, New Haven, Conn., puissant lieutenant commander; Ill. Robert C. Barnes, 33d degree, Detroit, Mich., grand minister of state; Ill. William A. Heathman, 33d degree, Providence, R. I., grand treasurer general, H. E.; Ill. Joseph J. Lee, Columbus, O., 33d degree, grand secretary general, H. E.

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NEGRO MASONS BURN MORTGAGE ON TEMPLE

Ceremonies Marking Lifting Of Debt Mark Grand Lodge Meeting Here

In building an eight-story lodge and office building at a cost of $750,000 and paying for it in six years without levying a special assessment on its members the negro Grand Lodge of Masons of Alabama has achieved something never before equalled by members of that race, speakers at the session of the lodge here declared.

The grand lodge held its fiftieth annual meeting in Birmingham last week and reelected Walter Thomas Woods, grand master. Woods is now entering upon his fifteenth successive term in that office. Other officers elected were: C. W. Peters, endowment secretary; Dr. R. B. Hudson, endowment treasurer; A. Nixon, grand treasurer; P. D. Davis, grand secretary, and Dr. L. W. Goin, of Birmingham, medical director.

The feature of the session was a burning ceremony where speeches by Dr. Robert R. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, and Grand Master Woods, pointed to the success of the negro Masons in Alabama in accumulating a substantial endowment fund and building and paying for a splendid home.

Finances Good

Financial reports showed that the grand lodge had cash on hand July 1, 1927, amounting to $110,281, in the endowment fund, $4,194,95, and that during the year up to July 1, 1928, the grand lodge handled $373,468.75, and has a balance on hand of $78,070.21 in the endowment fund and $13,189.41 in the hands of the grand treasurer. During the year the endowment fund received $245,803.26 and the grand treasurer, $13,189.41.

The burning of the bonds was witnessed by a crowd estimated at 2,500, the ceremonies beginning with the song "Get on Board This Noble Vessel," and a prayer by Grand Secretary P. D. Davis.

Notable Achievement

Dr. Moton, introduced by Grand Master Woods, said in part:

"I am hoping you will realize the significance of this occasion that brings us together tonight. In the course of 10 years the grand lodge has come up out of an indebtedness of more than $100,000, built this noble brick and stone temple at a cost of $750,000, paid every dime on the structure without imposing an extra tax on the members and tonight we meet to witness the burning of the mortgage, which means that the grand lodge is out of debt and still has on hand $85,000 in cash.

"That is what this occasion means. This is the finest piece of work ever done by negroes in the history of the race.

"Do you want to know how it was accomplished? The answer is at hand. It was done by persistent cooperation, a demonstration of what the race can do by following the example set by the Alabama Grand Lodge, of A. F. & A. M., under the leadership of Grand Master W. T. Woods and his cabinet of officers.

"Right here I want to pay a deserved compliment to Dr. R. B. Hudson, the efficient endowment treasurer. Dr. Hudson is one of the greatest men of the race. We all feel keenly his absence on account of illness.

No Apology

"The construction and paying off this debt by negroes in so short a time, could not have entered the heart and vision of Harriet Beecher, or Abraham Lincoln.

"My heart and my work and my soul are with you in Alabama, and with your grand lodge under its present management, and you may depend on me at any time to do what I can to help.

"I will no longer apologize for negro failures. I used to do so, but this occasion closes my lips. If we follow the example set by this grand lodge of Negro Masons, there will be no failures.

"Business success is not a problem. Education is not a problem. Christianity is not a problem. Simply let your light shine, simply follow your Bible and success is assured.

"But our great problem is cooperation. The white people have solved that problem for themselves. We must solve it for ourselves. The negro must learn how to work together. That is what the grand lodge has done in giving this building to the world free of debt.

"I am delighted to know that in accomplishing this great work, you have had the assistance of white people of Birmingham. When we, at Tuskegee, heard that you had issued bonds we tried to invest money in your stock, but we were told that the bonds had been bought up by the white people of your city.

"No longer can we lay our faults on white people. We must come together and work together."

Mortgage Burned

Following Dr. Moton's address, remarks were made by R. R. Taylor, vice president of Tuskegee Institute, and architect of the temple. He stated that the two wonderful things about the completion of the temple was the wise management and the clean hands of the grand master and his associates.

Dr. A. F. Owens, dean of Selma University, Selma, Ala., the oldest Mason present, applied the match and the mortgage deed was burned to ashes and the ashes were deposited in an urn and placed in the grand master's office as a historic relic.

Grand Master Woods said the endowment funds own four houses and seven lots in Mobile which are in first-class shape.

"Our temple," he said, "is the largest building owned by negroes anywhere in the world. We began the erection in 1922; laid the cornerstone in 1923 and dedicated it in 1924, at a cost of $750,000. The temple is paid for. We can congratulate ourselves on being the only body of colored people anywhere in the world that has erected a building of this magnitude without imposing a temple tax upon its membership.

"The Masons of Alabama have made a great contribution to the negro race, and we have been able to gain the respect and admiration of all the people by this wonderful achievement.

"We have 40 acres of land in Jefferson County, near Bessemer, owned by the grand lodge. We paid $4,000 for it and have refused $8,000 spot cash.

COLORFUL SCENE ATTENDS MEET OF THE SHRINERS

Constructive Convention, Which Takes On Deep Racial Import

By R. C. Fisher, Staff Correspondent Associated Negro Press

Columbus, Ohio, August 29—"The greatest essential in the continued existence of any organization is leadership—trained, honest, and honorable leaders," declared Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., Imperial Potentate of the Ancient, Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine of North and South America, in his message at the opening of the 29th annual session of the Order in the Empress Theatre here this Wednesday morning.

"Most of the trouble we have as a race," he said, "is with those who imagine they are leaders and are not. Leaders are born, not made, and when the Race secures a real leader it should stick to him until it can find another who will carry the standard further," declared the speaker.

Has Racial Objective

"As Shriners we are deeply interested in the advancement of our Racial group. We are relieving widows and the distressed of our Order. We are commanding the respect of our Presidents, Governors, Senators, Congressmen ,and others in high walks of life. Southern railway corporations are now bidding for our transportation of delegates from the Southland to the Imperial sessions of our annual conventions, a condition that has heretofore gone by unnoticed."

Imperial Potentate Blake, chose the subject of racial psychology to which he adhered throughout the three-days' session of the Imperial Council, emphasizing vital points that affect our group.

Last Wednesday evening, a vanguard of more than 800 Desert Sons had arrived in Columbus from every section of the United States for the twenty-ninth annual session of their organization. Instantly, the Capital City of the Buckeye State and the Convention City of the Commonwealth relinquished all claim on its rights of eminent domain. She gave them up without a whimper last Monday to Alla Baba Temple, which was the host of the Imperial Council during the week.

Important meetings were held between the time of the three-days' session at St. Mark's Masonic Temple, Nineteenth and Long Streets, where legislation vital to Racial uplift was enacted.

Mardi Gras Parade

A gorgeous event Wednesday evening was a Mardi Gras parade and electrical display of patrols, shrine bands, marching clubs, chanters, and oriental bands. This was concluded by a dance at the Pythian and Masonic Temples. The Daughters of Isis, ladies auxiliary, entertained with a garden party and exhibition drill by the various teams of their organization, at Memorial Hall.

At 1:15, Thursday afternoon, the Shriners staged their annual parade, an event, into which the weary travelers of the Desert injected all of their vim, vigor, and vitality to make the occasion the grandest ever witnessed. Led by Imperial Marshal Chas. Thorpe, of New York and his two deputies, Charles E. Johnson and Ford Walter of St. Louis, the procession was an impressive exhibit in keeping with the noble spirit of Shrinedom.

Chicago Team Wins Prize

A competitive drill at Neil' Park, American Association Ball Park, concluded the spectacular parade. A purse of $1,500 was awarded three of the patrols that participated in the contest. The patrol of Arabic Temple of Chicago won the first prize. The second prize was awarded to the team of Persian Temple, Indianapolis, and the third was given to Sinai Temple patrol, of Cincinnati. Another enjoyable attraction at the park was furnished by Sinai Temple's Brass Band, under the direction of Bandmaster Bert Ferguson. The band was a highly entertaining feature and greatly so because of its youth drum major, Joe Lester, who was alone a feature.

The big formal ball at Columbus' million dollar auditorium, Front and Town Streets, was Thursday night.

Sight-seeing trips, including a visit to the State Penitentiary, the Masonic Home at Urbana and Wilberforce University, made up much of Friday's program of the Shriners.

Officers Named

All members of the Imperial Divan were re-elected. They are Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., who was re-elected for the 11th consecutive time as imperial potentate; Harry Knight, New York, deputy imperial potentate; Clarence W. Baxter, Indianapolis, imperial chief rabban; I. H. Bradbury, St. Louis, imperial assistant rabban; A. W. Brazier, New Orleans, imperial high priest and prophet; S. S. Richardson, Daytona, Fla., imperial Oriental guide; Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., imperial treasurer; Levi Williams, Jersey City, imperial recorder; James R. Williams, Pittsburgh, imperial first ceremonial master; Stewart C. Jefferson, Chicago, second ceremonial master; Isaac N. Carper, Charleston, West Virginia, imperial captain of the guard. There was one new addition to the Imperial Divan, Henry C. Crowder, of Birmingham, Ala. He was elected outer guard. R. C. Fisher of St. Louis was selected as imperial publicist.

Among Distinguished Visitors

W. T. Woods, grandmaster of Masons of Alabama, whose Grand Lodge has done more in a financial way to aid the Imperial Council of Shriners in the litigations launched against them by white enemies, was a conspicuous figure during the Columbus sessions. J. Finley Wilson, of Washington, D. C., grand exalted ruler of the Elks and Judge W. C. Hueston of Gary Indiana, president of the Educational Board of the Elks Order, were other notables to deliver addresses during the convention.

A Valuable Shriner

Bishop Dale of Charlotte, N. C., assistant vice commander of the American Legion of North Carolina, which is the only Legion State organization that has a colored man serving in that capacity, was very much in evidence at the convention of Shriners. He was appointed secretary to Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, for the eleventh consecutive year.

Dale, is a member of Col. Charles Young Post of the Legion at Charlotte, which will be represented at the National Convention of the Legion in San Antonio, Texas, in October, by the only drum and bugle corps of our race in the Legion in America. Aside from his organization work, Dale is a home office representative of the Bankers' Fire Insurance Company, Durham, N. C., the only fire insurance firm operated in America by our people.

Through a special appointment of the Governor of North Carolina, young Dale, an expert civic worker, directs all the welfare work among members of our race in his home state.

The next annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine will be held in Chicago, August, 1929.

Secret Societies - 1928

National Ideal Benefit Society.

National Ideal Closes 16th Annual Session

Order Shows Big Gain Over Previous Year; 300 Delegates Attend

By L. C. WHITE

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 20.—With interest and enthusiasm on the part of officers and delegates running at a higher tide than at any time during the history of the order, with the total enrollment of junior and adult members exceeding the number of 35,000 and with records showing the total worth of the order to be $75,454.20, the final rap of the gavel of Supreme Master A. W. Holmes brought to a close the sixteenth annual meeting of the National Ideal Benefit Society at its new home office, a meeting which brought together some 300 delegates from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, and the program for which included reports from the field, addresses from prominent leaders of the race and the dedication of the newly remodeled Home Office building at 210 E. Clay street.

The meeting open Tuesday morning in the main auditorium, located on the third floor of the new office building, with Supreme Master A. W. Holmes presiding. Devotionals were conducted by the supreme chaplain, Rev. R. B. Taylor of Richmond, and the new delegates were received by a committee composed of Rev. W. L. Anderson of Beaver Dam, Va.; Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks of Philadelphia, Mrs. L. J. Carter of Hanover County and Attorney L. C. White of Richmond, Va.

Words of welcome were extended by Mr. W. H. Schwartzchild, president of the Central National Bank of Richmond. The next number was remarks by Rev. W. L. Anderson, formerly vice supreme master and now a staunch member of the board of directors of the order. He urged the officers and members to put God in front and fear nothing. He expressed absolute confidence in the future of the order. The sessions adjourned with music by the Ideal choir.

The afternoon session opened at 2 p. m. with the Vice Supreme Master Atty. L. C. White presiding. The program included reports from Supreme Master A. W. Holmes, Supreme Secretary Mrs. S. B. Cogbill, Supreme Treasurer T. L. Beverly, as well as that of the auditor, Mrs. A. L. Chapman. The supreme master's report covered the entire field of the society's activities, beginning with office work and ending with monthly reports. He made striking reference to the struggles through which the order has passed and the obstacles which had been overcome in the brief space of 16 years. With reference to the field work he said that this had been materially strengthened by his appointment of Mrs. Lelia W. Bankett, a woman with wonderful experience as an all-round fraternal worker and organizer, to the position of National lecturer. "Her appointment," said he, "has met the highest approval of the citizens of Richmond and of the brotherhood. She has made a good record." As to the condition of the order he declared it had paid out $8,895.00 for death claims during the year, cared for many who were sick and incurred other expenses of $18,000 in remodeling the Home Office, which make the total for the year $33,037.24. Continuing he stated that for every month during the 16 years of the life of the order more had been collected to the credit of the mortuary funds than that which it was necessary to expend. He told of how the Home Office building had been remodeled at a cost of $18,000 in such a manner as to enhance its worth by $27,000 thereby making its present worth $35,000. He paid a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of Director Jefferson Jackson of Charlotte C. H., Va., and the supreme secretary, Mrs. M. S. Payne of Richmond, who died since the last previous meeting, and announced that he had appointed Mrs. S. B. Cogbill to serve out the unexpired term of Mrs. Payne. He read comments from the insurance commissioner of Virginia and the District of Columbia in which the National Ideal Benefit Society was highly praised for its economical management and for the accuracy of its records. He concluded by reporting that 21 adult lodges and 10 nurseries had been organized during the year adding 2,840 members to the brotherhood and bringing the total enrollment up to 38,866. The report of the supreme treasurer, Mr. T. L. Beverly and the supreme secretary, Mrs. S. B. Cogbill, showed the total worth of the order to be $75,454.20. These figures were corroborated by the report of the auditor, Mrs. A. L. Chapman.

Dedicatorial Ceremony

The public session was held at 8 p. m. in the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Supreme Master A. W. Holmes presiding, the program being a two-in-one affair. The first part included the formal welcome which was extended in a very well planned address delivered by Mrs. Lucy B. Lewis, wife of Attorney George W. Lewis of Richmond, and the response was delivered by Mrs. Maude A. Morisette, who is prominent in the political affairs of Philadelphia as they pertain to our people.

Dedicatorial Services

The keys to the new building were presented to Supreme Master Holmes by Mr. C. T. Russell, the architect, and Mr. Anthony T. Holmes, the contractor, and accepted with appropriate remarks on behalf of the society, after which the supreme master presented Attorney J. C. Robertson, as one of the leading lights in his profession.

Second Day—Morning Session

The forenoon was given over to the program of the Nursery Guardians Convention, which was presided over by Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks of Philadelphia, the president of this department. The outstanding features of this session were the annual address of the president, the annual report of the secretary, Miss Jessie B. Taylor of Philadelphia, and an address by Mrs. Rosa B. Hicks of Richmond, Va., president of the local Nursery Board, and a children's program which gave the junior members representation in the session. The closing remarks at this session were delivered by Mrs. Martha R. Brown of Washington, D. C.

The afternoon session was taken up almost entirely by reports from committees during the interims between which acceptable music was furnished alternately by Deputy S. C. Jackson of Norfolk and the Ideal Choir of Newport News. Mrs. Olivia W. Smith of Richmond sang two solos to the delight of the audience. The next session began at 10 a. m. on Thursday morning, with Supreme Master A. W. Holmes presiding. Devotionals were conducted by Rev. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church. A good part of this session was given over to reports from deputies, all of which were informative and inspiring. They were in the following order: For Virginia, Deputy J. H. Hicks; Philadelphia, Deputy Ellen B. Taylor; S. Boston, Deputy Shepherd Owens; Norfolk, Deputy S. C. Jackson; Hopewell and Surry County, Mrs. M. E. Overton; Charlotte County, Mrs. Catherine Jackson; Pittsburgh, Deputy George Arvin, Mrs. Ellen B. Taylor of Philadelphia presented $50.00 from her field as a donation to the equipment fund and other contributions came in for the same fund as follows: Washington, D. C., by Associate Deputy Walter Baddy, $70.00; Richmond, by Mrs. Clemmie Perkins, from the sale of souvenirs, $18.00, and from Mrs. Mary Paige, as a personal donation, $10.00.

The report of the National lecturer Mrs. Lelia W. Bankett, showed that in the brief space of ten months she had been able to add to the order 1[illegible] new lodges and five nurseries, and this in spite of economic conditions which every one admits to be unfavorable. Mrs. Bankett is a forceful and intelligent worker and is giving herself unstintedly to the work of idealism.

From 1 to 3 p. m. the delegates and visitors were taken on a sight seeing tour which enabled them to view many parts of interest in the city. The feature of the evening session was the address and installation of officers by Mr. J. Henry Peters, assistant cashier of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Richmond. The following officers were installed: A. W. Holmes, supreme master; L. C. White, vice supreme master; Mrs. M. E. Overton, supreme mistress; Mrs. S. B. Cogbill, supreme secretary; Mrs. Olivia W. Smith assistant secretary; Rev. R. B. Taylor, supreme chaplain; Mr. T. L. Beverly, supreme treasurer; R. B. Atkins, supreme left herald. The board of directors was installed at the same time. With the banquet that followed the meeting adjourned to meet next year in Richmond. Board of directors: A. W. Holmes, Rev. W. T. Johnson, John S. Powell, Rev. W. L. Anderson, S. B. Cogbill, I. J. Carter, G. A. Arvin, L. C. White, W. B. Perkins, C. L. Jenkins, Ellen B. Taylor, J. R. Hicks, T. L. Beverly, C. H. Neal

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Negro Knights Templar

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NEGRO KNIGHTS TEMPLAR NAME JOHNSON HEAD

C. C. Johnson, Des Moines, was elected grand commander of the Negro Knights Templar for Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska last night.

Other officers elected at that time included J. D. Hopkins, Waterloo, generalissimo; J. A. Wilson, Des Moines, grand captain general; Frank Garrison, Waterloo, grand senior warden; J. W. Rhodes, Des Moines, grand junior warden; J. W. Taylor, St. Paul, Minn., grand prelate; F. D. Bland, Keokuk, grand treasurer; S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, grand recorder; William Bell, Waterloo, grand instructor.

The organization voted to hold its next conclave in Waterloo during June, 1929.

The session last night closed the annual convention, which met in the Fraternal temple, West Eleventh and Center streets.

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Odd Fellows.

G.U.O.O.F. IS GIVEN KEYS TO THE CITY

Five Thousand Delegates And Visitors Flock To Chicago For Meet

More than 5,000 delegates, according to G. U. O. O. F. officials, are here from all parts of the United States, Canada, the West Indies, and other islands where the order has established lodges, in order to attend the 24th Biennial Movable conference which started Monday and ends Saturday.

De Priest

In preparation for the convention, homes of Chicago the streets and have been decorated anew in appropriate regalia. Headquarters for delegations from the different states have been established at different places and wide banners announced this fact to those interested.

The main sessions of the B. M. C. are held daily at the Eighth regiment armory, 35th street and Giles avenue. The grand household, women's branch of the lodge, holds its sessions at Pilgrim Baptist church; the past grand masters' council meets at St. Lukes church, and the grand patriarchy, military department, holds sessions at Odd Fellows hall, 3335-37 State street.

First Sessions

Although preliminary sessions were held Sunday night at Quinn Chapel, Pilgrim Baptist, Community Center and Bethesda Baptist churches, the conclave got away to its official start at Pilgrim Baptist church Monday morning at 10 o'clock. In the absence of Mayor Thompson and Governor Small, scheduled speakers, George Mills and Walter Schroedie spoke as representatives of the absentees.

Rufus C. Dawes, president of the World's fair, spoke at the opening meeting. Other speakers included George T. Kersey, Atty. Jas. B. Cashin, Oscar De Priest, Beverly V. Baranco, Atty. E. F. Marshall, Jesse L. Nicholas, Ella J. Harris, Martha J. Wells, G. W. P. Brown, A. T. Shirley, Morris Lewis, R. T. Stewart, Prince A. Glanton and Atty. Edward H. Morris, national grand master.

The Tuesday sessions were taken up mainly in the reading of reports, appointing of committees and the annual addresses of the presiding officials. A dress parade was held at 6 o'clock in the evening under the direction of Major General R. T. Stewart. Later in the evening the Savoy ballroom was the scene of a prize drill, reception and dance, conducted under the auspices of the daughter patriarchs.

Geo. T. Kersey

Memorial Services

At two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, following the regular sessions, the delegates went to Lincoln cemetery where a monument to Major General John C. Buckner was unveiled with appropriate Memorial services.

General Buckner died suddenly in 1913. He was founder of the Eighth regiment, was active politically, and held positions in the lodge up to major general, commanding the patriarchies of America of the G. U. O. O. F., which position he held at the time of his death.

Oscar De Priest acted as master of ceremonies at the cemetery. Speeches were made by Col. Otis B. Duncan of th Eighth regiment, Corporation Counsel Samuel Ettelson, State Senator Adelbert Roberts, Grand Master Edward Morris, and Major General R. T. Stewart.

To Hold Parade

In addition to the grand ball and reception to be held Wednesday night at the Eighth regiment armory, a bigger feature will be the parade scheduled for 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

The parade will assemble at 33rd and Dearborn streets. From there it is scheduled to move north on State to 30th street, east on 30th street to Wabash avenue, south on Wabash to 33rd street, east on 33rd to South Parkway, south on South Parkway to 49th street, west on 49th to Prairie avenue, north on Prairie to 37th street, west on 37th to Dearborn street, south on Dearborn to 39th street, then west to the American Giants ball park where the grand patriarchy prize drill will be held. The reviewing stand will be at the north end of the campus of Wendell Phillips high school.

Friday and Saturday sessions of the oldge will be business sessions dealing mainly with the election of officers and the choosing of a meeting place for the next session.

Complete Plans for 24th B. M. C.

The 24th Biennial Movable Convention of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Edward H. Morris, national grand master, will be in session in Chicago the week of September 10th, preceded by services in Quinn Chapel, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Metropolitan Community Church and Bethesda Baptist Church, on Sunday, September 9th at 8 p. m. The sessions of the B. M. C. will be held daily at the 8th Regiment Armory, 35th Street and Giles avenue, the Grand Household, the ladies branch of the Order, will meet daily at Pilgrim Baptist Church; the Past Grand Masters' Council will meet at St. Luke's Church, 37th Street and Indiana avenue, the Grand Patriarchy, Military Department, will hold sessions at the Odd Fellows Hall, 3335-37 South State street. Opening ceremonies will take place at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Monday, September 10th at 11 a. m. Welcome addresses on the program include Governor Len Small, Mayor William Hale Thompson and Hon. Rufus C. Dawes, chairman of the Chicago World's Fair in 1933.

Other features of the Odd Fellows sojourn include a reception to the Grand Household officers at 4500 South Michigan Blvd. on Wednesday night. On Tuesday evening there will be a prize drill and dance for the Daughter Patriarchs at the Savoy. On Wednesday, regular sessions will adjourn at noon to participate in ceremonies at Lincoln cemetery where a monument to Major John C. Buckner will be unveiled. Oscar DePriest will preside at this ceremony and the oration will be delivered by Senator Adelbert H. Roberts. Other speakers will be Edward H. Morris, Samuel Ettelson and Representative George T. Kersey. On Thursday the grand parade of the Order will take place, traversing the principal streets of the district, ending with a competitive drill by Patriarchy organizations from out side the city. The grand ball and reception will be held that evening at the 8th Regiment Armory.

Many Visitors Expected

The local committee in charge of the entertainment of the B. M. C. has been at work for several months past. This committee is made up of members of various Lodges and Households of the city of Chicago and from some of the nearby communities. Headquarters have been maintained at Odd Fellows Hall, 3335-37 South State Streeet; George T. Kersey is general chairman; Morris Lewis, general secretary; Mrs. Maude Coffer, assistant secretary; Robert W. Lacey, general treasurer; James W. Camp, chairman of finance committee.

Delegates and members of the order and visitors from all points will be in attendance at the sessions of the branches of the Odd Fellows. This order was brought to this country from England by Peter Ogden who in 1843 established the first lodge in New York City. Magnificant headquarters are maintained in their own building in Philadelphia, Pa., James F. Needham, Philadelphia, is grand secretary.

ODD FELLOWS HOLD CONFAB IN CHICAGO

Delegates From Many States Attend

By J. BLAINE POINDEXTER

With 15,000 delegates, members and friends in attendance from all parts of the country, the 24th B. M. C. Grand United Order of Odd Fellows opened its five-day session here at Pilgrim Baptist church Monday morning.

The call to order was sounded by District Grand Master Thomas M. Smith after the national grand master, Hon. Edward H. Morris, escorted by his cabinet, and Maj.-Gen. R. T. Stewart, commander of the patriachy group, and his cabinet had filed in amid cheers from the vast audience and music from the women's band of the Household of Ruth and taken their places on the platform.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. M. Carroll, pastor of the South Park M. E. church, then came the introduction of the general chairman, Hon. George T. Kersey, member of the subcommittee of management. Music was furnished by Prof. J. Wesley Jones and his Metropolitan community choir.

Governor Sends Proxy

Attorney James B. Cashin, law partner of National Grand Master Morris, introduced the representative of Gov. Len Small, slated to welcome the Odd Fellows to the city in behalf of the state. The governor, unable to be present, sent his regrets through his personal attorney, Warner W. Shrader. Mr. Shrader read the governor's prepared address.

The vast throng of visitors who have read and heard so much of the city's chief executive, Mayor William Hale Thompson, who was to welcome the great national order to the city, were disappointed when he failed to appear. His representative, Assitsant City Attorney George D. Mills, introduced by Oscar DePriest, ably spoke for the mayor and extended a warm welcome in behalf of Chicago to the thousands of delegates and visitors.

A brief welcome address on behalf of the order was delivered by Assistant City Prosecutor Eugene J. Marshall. Other such addresses were: On behalf of the Households of Ruth, Ella G. Harris, D. G. M. N. G.; on behalf of Chicago citizens, Attorney G. W. P. Brown, and on behalf of the patriarchy, Morris Lewis, retired major general.

Able responses to the warm words of welcome came from the order through Deputy Grand Master Beverly V. Baranco of Louisiana; Grand Director Jesse L. Nicholas of Maryland; Grand Director A. T. Shirley of Virginia; Major-General Stewart of Virginia and Mrs. Martha J. Wells, worthy grand superior, of Pennsylvania. One of the morning features was the presentation of a gavel to National Grand Master Morris by Prince A. Glanton, P. G. M. The brief remarks of acceptance by Mr. Morris closed the opening session.

Other Meetings Held

Preliminary meetings were held at four churches Sunday evening, where prominent officers of the order were speakers. The services were for different states. At Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church Deputy Grand Master Baranca, Grand Director R. T. Thomas and Right Worthy Grand Superior Mrs. A. L. Anderson were speakers. The service was held for the states of Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, West Indies, Panama and Canada. The committee consisted of Mrs. Lucille Miller and W. P. Fluker.

At Pilgrim Baptist church the speakers were Major-General Stewart and Mrs. Martha Wells, worthy grand superior. Rev. H. H. Butler, grand director, preached the sermon. The services were for the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and South Carolina. Rev. Harry W. Knight and Mrs. Hattie C. Hunter were the committee in charge.

The Metropolitan Community Center church was the scene of the third meeting Sunday evening held for the states of Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, District of Columbia and Michigan. Sandy W. Trice and Miss Lillian F. Hunt formed the committee in charge. The speakers were A. T. Shirley, grand treasurer of the order; Grand Director Ernest D. Cooke and H. P. Slaughter, editor of the Odd Fellows' journal.

The fourth meeting was held at Bethesda Baptist church with Na-

tional Grand Master Morris, grand secretary James F. Needham of Pennsylvania and Grand Director James F. Adair of New York, speakers for the evening. The committee of James F. Perkins and Mrs. Lillian Bell arranged the meeting for the states of Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Virginia and Maryland.

Defines Odd Fellowship

The doctrine, object and aim of the G. U. O. of O. F. were the keynote topics emphasized by the various speakers at the four different churches. The doctrine of Odd Fellowship, it was explained, is to "treat your brother as you would have him treat you." Its object first of all is charity—to lessen human woes, suffering and sorrow as much as possible wherever found, the speakers asserted. It began in 1843 when the black man was felling the forest as slaves and denied human rights. It was at this time that Odd Fellowship was brought to him and played its part in abolishing the curse of slavery and in the subsequent freedom of the slaves, it was pointed out.

Business sessions of the order opened Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the Eighth Regiment armory. The Households of Ruth opened at Pilgrim Baptist church; the Grand Patriarchies at the Odd Fellows' hall, 3337 State St., and P. G. M. council at St. Luke's Baptist church, 37th St. and Indiana Ave.

The feature of Tuesday's session at the armory was the biennial address of National Grand Master Morris. The Households of Ruth and other branches of the order suspended their sessions at their respective places and journeyed to the armory for the national grand master's address. He spoke for an hour and was roundly applauded throughout and at the conclusion of his talk. It was conceded to have been the best address that Mr. Morris has ever delivered during his administration of nearly twenty years.

The speaker gave a brief history of Odd Fellowship, declaring that this was the first time the B. M. C. ever met in Chicago. The first meeting, he said, was held in Boston in 1882, over which he presided. "This order never contents itself doing certain things," Mr. Morris stated, "but it reaches out to higher altitudes, aiding humanity wherever possible and touching the hearts of men."

He touching in passing on the present financial worth of the order, declaring that in 1843 the value of the lodge properties did not exceed $500. Today they are worth over $500,000. "And through all these years," the speaker went on, "we have sought to foster in our ranks the doctrine of good will for everybody. We have tried to have our brothers see with eyes of the heart as well as with eyes of the head."

The national grand master expressed gratification over the existence of perfect peace that prevails throughout all branches of the G. U. O. of O. F. The order, he said, has enjoyed a long period of peace, happiness and prosperity. There has been no friction nor internal strife, he said. "We are locked together with ties that never break." Throughout the jurisdiction all is well," came the assertion, followed by applause from the vast audience.

Mr. Morris praised especially the Households of Ruth, the women's branch of Odd Fellowship. "Your future is bright. You are doing a great work and I expect continued peace in your midst," he told the hundreds of women assembled. The speaker continued with this piece of cryptic advice: "Always be big enough to be fair with the worst enemy you have. I would get out of this order if I couldn't be fair to my foes as well as to my friends." And in conclusion Mr. Morris added: "This order has brought to you a great heritage. Hand it down to your children as the brightest heirloom you can leave them."

At the conclusion of the masterly address Mr. Morris was presented with a huge basket of flowers by the Mt. Mariah Household of Chicago. Mrs. Martha Wells, grand superior of the H. of R., was presented a gavel.

ODD FELLOWS STORM CHICAGO FOR 24th B. M. C.

Hold Memorial on Sunday Big Parade Held on Thursday

MANY INTERESTING EVENTS ON PROGRAM

Order Boasts of an Adult Membership of More Than Half a Million Under the American Jurisdiction.

Although it has not fully recovered from the extra activity induced by the presence in the city ten days ago of thousands of Elks, Chicago is now welcoming other thousands of delegates and visitors to the 24th B. M. C., G. U. O. of O. F. this week. Flags and bunting which had decorated the streets as greetings to the "Brother Bills" are now interspersed with pennants of red, blue and purple, and flags of white orange, purple and green in honor of the Odd Fellows.

George T. Kersey is chairman of the entertainment committee.

On Sunday memorial services were held in four churches, Quinn Chapel, Metropolitan Community Center, Pilgrim Baptist and Bethesda Baptist Churches. All these services were largely attended and solemnly recognized.

The formal opening occurred Monday morning at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where the delegates were called together by the Grand Master, Edward H. Morris.

Walter Schroedie representing Governor Small extended the welcome for the state of Illinois, and George Mills, representing Mayor Hale Thompson, cordially welcomed them to the city.

The grand reception was held Monday night at the Eighth Regiment armory. The great ampitheatre was packed to capacity with delegates, visitors and friends to the convention.

The arrangement committes had provided a huge speakers' platform in the north end of the building and some twelve or fifteen hundred chairs were placed upon the floor for the assemblage.

100 Speakers

There were approximately 100 or more speakers upon the platform. They rendered great speeches and lauded the progress of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

Tuesday's sessions were held in the Eighth Regiment Armory. The B. M. C. convened there and numerous questions and problems were discussed. The Grand Household of Ruth held its meetings at Pilgrim Baptist Church; The Grand Patriarchy at the Odd Fellows' Hall, 3337 South State St., while the P. G. M. Council transacted their business at the St. Luke Baptist Church, 37th and Indiana avenue.

At 6 p. m. Tuesday, a spectacular dress parade in which the Patriarchies of America participated. Major R. T. Stewart was in command. At 8 p. m. that same night the beautiful and competitive prize drills were held at the Savoy Ballroom, 47th and South Parkway.

The precision of the drills and the beautiful uniforms and regalia which were worn marked extreme interest in the event. The various drill teams were applauded as they as they leisurely and scientifically went through their drills. This was one of the most interesting of the features on the G. U. O. of O. F. program.

Unveil Monument to Buckner

On Wednesday morning the regular sessions were held in the afore mentioned places. They adjourned at noon to participate in the ceremonies at Lincoln cemetery where a monument of Maj. John R. Buckner was unveiled.

Hon. Oscar DePriest presided at this ceremony and Senator Adelbert H. Roberts delivered an oration. Other speakers were: Atty. Edward H. Morris, Corporation Counsel Samuel A. Ettelson and Representative George T. Kersey.

The grand parade is scheduled for Thursday, traversing the principal streets of the district and ending with a competitive drill by the Patriarchy organizations from out of town. The grand ball and reception will be held at the 8th Regiment armory that night.

The parade will mobilize at 33rd and Dearborn streets at 10 a. m. The line of March will proceed east on 33rd street to South Parkway; South on South Parkway to 48th street; west on 48th street to Prairie avenue; North on Prairie Avenue to 35th street; west on 35th street to State street; south on State street to 39h St.; then west on 39th street to the American Giants baseball park, There the patriarch drill will take place.

A prize of $2,000 will be awarded to the best drilled team. The daughter patriarchs prize in their competitive drill at the Savoy Ballroom will be $700.00, making a total of $2,700 in prizes.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is said to be the oldest friendly society in the world. In London, England, there was in 1792, a Grand Lodge of the order claiming to be the successor of a Grand Lodge established April 23, 1452, by Sir John De Neuville Knight and others.

The lodges are numbered consecutively without regard to where they are located. The first lodge to be located in the northwest was Hutchinson Lodge No. 1362, located in Chicago. This lodge was set up in 1867. Its founder, Dr. Hutchinson, was the first colored physician to practice in the city of Chicago. Today there are under the American jurisdiction, 6,700 lodges, 5,935 households, 495 past grand masters councils, 267 patriarchies, and 2,072 juvenile societies. The entire membership under American jurisdiction, not counting juveniles is 532,729.

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Royal Knights of King David.

ROYAL KNIGHTS DURHAM LEADER IN ENTERPRISES

Served As School Of Busi ness For John Merricl And Associates

W. C. PEARSON NOW SUPREME G. MASTEF

Whole Life Insurance Anc Cooperative Banking Or The Program

DURHAM, N. C.—The Royal Knights of King David, founded in 1883 by John Merrick, W. G. Pearson and associates has been a vital force and has exerted a powerful influence in the economic affairs of black Durham.

The pioneer Negro business institution of the city and state, it became, not only John Merrick's "school of commerce" from which he learned his first lessons of business; but served as the inspiration for many other business enterprises, in the case of many of which it actively participated.

The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was originally organized by the group leading the Royal Knights, John Merrick, W. G. Pearson, and their associates having learned in the Royal Knights that it was possible to organize Negroes and their capital for co-operative enterprise.

Other enterprises the organization and operation of which can be traced to the example, inluence and active participation of the Royal Knights, is the Mechanic's and Farmers' Bank, the Banker's Fire Insurance Company, the Southern Fidelity and Surety Co., and numerous smaller enterprises.

Whole Life Insurance

The Royal Knights, originally organized as a secret, fraternal benefit society in North Carolina to provide some form of insurance for its members. Its insurance department, now recognized as one of the best organized fraternal benefit organizations in the country, has progressively advanced from the point where it paid burial benefits of $50.00 only, to the point where it now insures its members on Whole Life Benefit Certificates, with rates based on the National Fraternal Congress Table of Mortality, for amounts of $250, $500, $750, and $1,000; and provides as well, Old-Age Benefits; Premium Loans; Accident Benefits and other modern features. It is the only Negro Society in North Carolina that has been consistently, year, after year, found actuarially solvent.

8 States

The operations of the society extends over 8 states, North Carolina South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, George, Florida, Pennsylvania New York.

Prof. W. G. Pearson, the Supreme Secretary, and active executive head of the organization, at present plans an extension of the work of the organization to the field of assisting its local groups in organizing and operating their own local business enterprises. As the first step in this direction, an Industrial Bank, of a standard type, known as "The Royal Knights Savings and Loan Association" has recently been organized in Durham. It is proposed, after a period of experimental operation of this institution at Durham, to assist the subordinate lodges and members of the Society to organize similar institutions in their own communities these local units will be carefully guided and supervised by a central organization at Durham, the experience of the Durham group in financial matters will be at the disposal of the local institutions. Co-operative business enterprises of other types will be fostered, when the present undertaking is well on foot.

Staff

J. L. Pearson, Supreme Grand Master; Mrs. Bessie L. Gilmer, Treasurer; J. M. Avery, Deputy-Supreme Grand Master and Dr. Clyde Donnel are associated with Prof. Pearson in the management of the Society. J E. Ormes, Home Office Manager, is in active charge of the development of the organization. Mr. Ormes former Supreme Auditor of the American Woodmen, is said to be the first Negro in North Carolina to have calculated rates and other actuarial data which were approved and accepted by the Insurance Department of the State. He is active, also, in assisting Prof. Pearson in the technical work of developing the co-operative features of the organization

New Provisions

At present the society is planning the adoption of rates based on legal reserve standards, and the transfer of its entire membership to the new rates. Its new Benefit Certificates when completed, will contain provisions for Old Age Benefits, Cash-Surrender and Loan Values, Paid-up and Extended Insurance; Double Indemnity for Accidental Death and provisions for Total and Permanent Disability Benefits. When these changes are made, it will be on a par with the best white Fraternal Benefit Societies in the country.

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The Knights of Toussaint.

"Read a Negro Paper" Club In Columbus

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COLUMBIA, S. C., Apr. 5.—The Knights of Toussaint, with supreme headquarters in this city, have announced that the statewide membership campaign for South Carolina is far beyond what was expected at the opening of the drive for members during the first of the year.

This spring a big campaign is planned, and subscriptions to several of the leading race weeklies will be offered as prizes to the member bringing into the order three or more new members. The person winning can select any race paper that he likes, and the order will send it to him or her. Much interest is being shown in the "Read a Negro Paper Clubs." Mr. Carroll, the secretary, is the director of the "Read a Negro Paper Club" movement.

Among its prominent officials are Dr. J. E. Beard, Grand Noble Commander; M. A. Evans, M. D., Grand Noble Councellor; Seymour Carroll, Grand Noble Secretary; Major-General A. Q. Dunmore, Chief of the Uniform Rank; Col. T. J. Hanberry, the Commander in Chief of the Juvenile Camps; Mrs. Sarah Logan Robinson, Grand Noble Matron of the Juvenile Camps.

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The Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection.

R. S. & D. OF P. CLOSES SESSION IN DEMOPOLIS---GREAT PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

Demopolis, Ala., June 1.

The Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection closed the most interesting meeting of its history in Demopolis, Ala., Thursday night, May 31. The credential committee reported fifty-seven lodges financial with more than two hundred delegates and officers attending the session.

At 8 p. m. Tuesday evening a public program was rendered in the Morning Star Baptist Church where all the sessions of the grand lodge were attended. Mr. Robert Jeffries was master of ceremonies and the program consisted of solos, songs by the congregation and choir, invocation by Rev. I. C. Lawson, scripture reading by Rev. E. G. Massey, solos by Daughter Daisy Saunders and Daughter Mabel D. Williams, welcome on behalf of the church delivered by Rev G. H. Blake, response by Mrs. Josephine Deval. Rev. Curtis made the welcome on behalf of the city, response by Mrs. Addie Phillips; Mr. John Larkins on behalf of the business men of the city, response by Mr. Arthur Gadsden of Ensley; welcome on behalf of the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection by Mr. Levine Weiss, response by Mrs. N. H. Mitchell.

In her remarks, the Grand Worthy Mother of Protection, Mrs. Lena M. Sherrod, spoke briefly to the large audience on the purpose of the order and emphasized the work being done for the race through this institution. A very interesting paper on "Lying Tongues Will Talk" was read by Mrs. P. A. Green.

The reports showed a large increase Mother of Protection; Janie Moore, Grand Messenger of Light; John L. Mitchell, Grand Recorder of Truth; Mary J. Fields, Grand Right Assistant; Maggie Ballard, Grand Left Assistant; Frances Mayers, Grand Messenger of Truth; Nancy Woolfolk, First Grand Guiding Star; Lelia Radford, Second Grand Guiding Star; Julia C. Cade, Grand Messenger of Faith; Mary J. we must cover more territory, and if our plans carry in this session which I know they will, nothing can hinder us."

It was reported at the meeting that some fifty deaths had occurred during the year and the claims had been met promptly in both the endowment and burial department. Mrs. Cowling reported that not a single claim in the endowment department had been filed and not paid. The records were clear and every obligation met.

On Tuesday the Grand Lodge was visited by Mrs. F. C. Blevin of the Tuggle Institute, and her associates, Mrs. Laura Chambers, Mrs. N. K. Saunders, Mrs. Epsie Woods, and Mrs. Jessie D. Carter. Mrs. Blevins was interested in the Tuggle Institute and made her report on some of the activities of the school for this fraternal year. She was responded to by the Grand Worthy Mother, Mrs. L. M. Sherrod, who in a very plain way exposed what she styled as a lack of interest on the part of the president of the school in the order of R. S. and D. of P., and the head of the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection. Mrs. Sherrod made a very plain statement and was frequently applauded when she continued to expose conditions.

Election of Officers

Late Thursday evening the election of Grand Lodge officers took place with the following results: Son R. L. Phillips, Grand Past Father of Protection; Lena M. Sherrod, Grand Morrow, Grand Messenger of Hope; S. M. Todd, Grand Messenger of Peace; J. E. Cowling, Secretary-Treasurer Burial Department; R. T. Brown, Grand Medical Register; Daisy Saunders, Endowment Secretary-Treasurer.

The Birmingham Reporter was made the official organ of the order and the following board members were elected: Board of Endowment, Mrs. N. H. Mitchell, chairman; Mrs. E. G. Massey, Blocton Ala.! Mrs. Florence Jones, Greensboro, Ala.; Mr. Robert Jeffries, Akron, Ala.; Mrs. P. L. Davis, West Blocton, Ala. Board of Directors, Mrs. L. B. Massey, chairman; Mrs. Irene Johnson, Ensley; Mrs. M. M. Jones, Greensboro, Ala.; Mrs. Maria Curry, Bessemer, Ala.; Mrs. Emma Roberson, Demopolis, Ala. Mrs. P. A. Green was made Grand Matron of the Juvenile Department. The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Ensley, Ala., May, 1929.

RISING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PROTECTION

Many encouraging letters are coming in from the different lodges all over the state, some expressing regret for not having been able to attend the grand lodge session at Demopolis, yet bespeaking their confidence in their leader, Mrs. Lena M. Sherrod and their willingness to follow her leadership. Below we give a few excerpts from the letters received by the Grand Worthy Mother of Protection.

"We want you to know how proud we are of you. You can depend upon us for anything you need. Enclosed you will find $42.50 for the balance of tax for 1928.

(Signed) Mrs. Carrie Wilson, W. M. P.

"Just a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you. I hope you got the letter I sent in time to read to the Grand Lodge. We had a nice program on the third Sunday and are going to get busy. (Signed) Drew Smith, R. C. of T.

"We want you to know how much we enjoyed the grand lodge at Demopolis, Ala. I learned much that I would never have known otherwise. Our lodge has put on new life and we are in the race for next year. My lodge was very pleased with the report. (Signed) P. L. Davis, W. R. C., Linnie Ward, W. M. of P.

"I saw some ladies in our city who spoke very highly of you and your fairness to all my dear sisters. I hope you will always hold out in this way.

(Signed) Mrs. W. M. Harris, Chicago, Ill.

"Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, our W. R. C. of the R. S. & D. of P. is off on business this week in Eufaula, Ala., on important business. We hope she will soon be at her post of duty. We note that our G. M. of P., Mrs. L. M. Sherrod is on the go for the order as always and she does not mind it. The Circular No. 1 will be out this week covering the last grand lodge session at Demopolis, Ala."

RISING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PROTECTION

Thursday of last week at Pratt City Edith Pride No. 121, juvenile lodge, enjoyed a big picnic with Mrs. Hill supervising the affair. The large number of boys and girls with the older ones spent a delightful day. These young people were delighted to have the Grand Mother of Protection with them, and extend her an invitation to come again.

We are glad to note that our old worker, Mrs. Annie Blankenship, of Pratt City, has returned to us.

Notice!!

As you know it was voted at the Grand Session in May at Demopolis that each member of the Order would pay 25 cents as was done last year. Four months have passed and you have not reported this money. Please send it at once to Mrs. J. E. Cowling, 819 East Grove Street, Montgomery, Alabama. We need this money to pay claims, and unless it is paid we cannot accept your October endowment. Some lodges also owe $10.00 for not sending a representative to the Grand Session. You know you have not complied with the law, and this suspends you until this amount has been paid. Remember, you are holding people's money in your hands at your own risk. Names of these lodges will appear in the next issue of The Reporter.

Letters

Dear Mother of Protection:

Just a few lines to let you know that Pure Silver Lodge No. 27 is still alive and moving on nicely. We are in the membership race, and we offer a prize of $5.00 in gold to the member who brings in the largest number over 10. I have been indisposed for sometime and have not been able to attend my meetings, however, I am up and out now to do my best for the work.

Yours in L. F. & P.,
Irene Johnson, Ensley, Ala.

Dear Mother of Protection:

I know you have enjoyed a wonderful vacation traveling here and there. I am writing to ask that you see that I get The Birmingham Reporter here, as I will be here a little longer. Everything is moving along nicely.

Yours for the work,
Robert Jeffries, Millport, Ala.

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United Order of Good Shepherds.

Good Shepherds End Annual Convention

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 29. — The twenty-third supreme session of the United Order of Good Shepherds opened here Wednesday at Good Shepherds Hall. The session will continue thru Aug. 31, with meetings both day and night.

According to G. W. Chandler, supreme president of the order the attendance was the largest in the history of the institution.

The United Order of Good Shepherds covers the State of Alabama with Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Ohio and Illinois constituting a large number of the total lodges. Delegates from these states were in attendance upon the Grand Lodge meeting and the large enthusiastic gathering was made up of leaders in the various communities from which they come. Supreme President Chandler, the founder and chief administrative officer, is popular leader through whose efforts the ownership of a large plot of land in Dallas County was obtained. A part of this land having been sold to the Mosaic Templars, the remaining several hundred acres have been kept for charitable purposes, providing homes for aged members of the order.

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

U. B. F. INSOLVENT IN OKLAHOMA STATE DECLARES

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Liabilities Are $26,000 and Assets Only $16,000, Say Examiners

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The State Commissioner of Insurance, Jesse Reed, declares that the U. B. F. and S. M. T. lodge of Oklahoma is insolvent, and has asked the Attorney General to file a suit in the district court at Haskell against the organization and have a receiver appointed.

Assets of the lodge are said to be $16,404; liabilities $26,000 and atotal insurance of $24,780.

This fraternal organization was the strongest financially and numerically in Oklahoma, but careless management is said to have made it unable to pay its obligations.

At the last Grand Lodge, W. H. Fort, Grand Master, of Okmulgee, was elected to fill this place succeeding P. M. DeLancy, who had been at the head for years, and under whose administration matters went from bad to worse.

The Order owns a building and about forty acres of land in Bo[illegible], Okla., which is being used for a home for widows and orphans of the order, managed by DeLancy.

Some time ago the news leaked out that oil would probably be found on the land. This gave out new hopes for the future, and defunct members began to reinstate, but the news turned out to be a fairy tale.

45TH GRAND LODGE U. B. F. AT LEXINGTON

Record Attendance Expected at Sessions from August 20 to 24

LEXINGTON, Mo.—The Grand Lodge U. B. F. and S. M. T., Royal House will convene here from August 20-24 inclusive. Hon. C. W. Hicklin, mayor, will welcome the delegates.

Grand Master Duke Diggs released the following statement for publication this week:

"More people have been initiated into the order this year than at any other time during the past three years. More than $50,000 has been paid in benefit and endowment claims this year. Aside from the mortuary fund the lodge has ample funds to take care of all outstanding indebtedness.

The grand master expects a larger attendance than ever this year due to the fact that Lexington is centrally located and that many drill teams will compete for prizes.

R. A. Davis, grand right supporter, is the general chairman and with other members of the committee will provide ample amusement and entertainment for the visitors.

U. B. F.-S. M. T. CLOSE SESSIONS AT LEXINGTON

All Departments of Order Shown to Be in Good Condition

LEXINGTON, Mo.—The 58th annual grand session of United Brothers of Friendship and the 45th annual grand session of the Sisters of Mysterious Ten, each opened their annual session Tuesday morning, August 21 at 9 a. m. A fair sized crowd was present for the opening exercises, which were impressive.

In the grand lodge session, the grand master, Duke Diggs, appointed committees. After these appointments the grand master delivered his key-note opening address.

The afternoon session was held at the Mainstreet theatre, and it was a welcome reception. The following program was rendered:

Song by St. John M. E. choir; address, A. C. McKinney, Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney, who acted for Hon. C. W. Hicklin, mayor, who could not be present; response, R. S. Cobb who was substituted for Past Grand Master G. W. Brown; solo, Mrs. Eva Sanders; welcome address on behalf of local lodge, James Wilson; response, H. H. Williams, assistant grand secretary, on behalf of the grand lodge; welcome address on behalf of local temple, Miss N. E. Walker; response on behalf of the grand temple, Miss Gladys H. McCoy; music, St. John M. E. choir; benediction, Rev. M. E. Henderson.

The evening session consisted of a pep, inspirational meeting, participated in by various masters, princesses and grand officers over the Missouri jurisdiction.

The Wednesday night session of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. grand lodge and grand temple session was held at the St. John M. E. church. This was a memorial program in honor of the departed dead since the last grand session. A splendid program was rendered. Addresses were made by Grand Master Duke Diggs and Vice Grand Princess Jennie C. Buckner, who paid glowing tributes to our departed dead. The grand secretary of the grand lodge called the roll of deaths in the lodges and found same to be ninety-six during the past year. The grand secretary of the grand temple, Sister Estella Diggs, called the female death roll of temple members, and found same to be 138. Number of juveniles, eight. Total number of deaths, two hundred and forty-one. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. Ross Brent, grand chaplain of the grand lodge, whose home is Sedalia, Mo.

The Thursday morning session was taken up by committees rendering their reports. Rev. N. A. Warren, chief grand mentor of the Knights of Tabor of Iowa was presented to the grand lodge by John L. Thompson and was duly reinstated by the grand lodge. Rev. Warren was formerly a boy in this town and raised here, but now resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

C. H. Calloway, Kansas City, Mo., delivered a short address.

Hannibal, Mo. was the city selected to hold the grand session of 1929.

The following is a report of the election of the officers to serve during the ensuing year:

Grand master, Duke Diggs, Jefferson City; deputy grand master, Forest C. Stirman, Kansas City; grand secretary, C. G. Williams, Jefferson City; assistant grand secretary, H. H. Williams, Boonville; grand treasurer, C. W. Black, St. Joseph; grand medical director, D. W. Gooden, Omaha, Nebr.; grand senior marshall, A. H. Dickerson, Omaha, Nebr.; grand junior marshall, S. H. Lampkin, Miami; grand right supporter Robert Davis, Lexington; grand left supporter, Mason Hall, Des Moines Iowa; grand inside sentinel, F. H Reynolds, Jacksonville; grand outside sentinel, R. A. Moten, Kansas City; sword bearer, W. W. Turk, Malta Bend; first member of the board, Rev. O. F. Nelson, Bunceton; second member of the board, R. S. Cobb, Jefferson City; third member of the board, Rev. J. W. Hurse, Kansas City; fourth member of the board, Wm. Hunley, St. Joseph.

Board of trustees: C. L. Spencer, first; Carlos Evans, second, William Burger, third.

Grand Temple Session

The forty-fifth annual grand session of the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Missouri and jurisdiction was held in conjunction with the grand lodge session of U. B. F. of Missouri, of which the grand temple is an auxiliary.

Sister Amelia J. Abington, the most worthy grand princess of Missouri and jurisdiction, although in the chair for the first year as grand princess, has presided over all of these sessions in a most queenly way.

The business of the grand temple has covered principally the appointing of various commitees for reports of work covered during the past year; accounts of moneys raised for various causes including Christmas charity, home coming, and Henderson day, Reserve fund, etc. During an interval between the reports of committees on Wednesday, Sister Fannie Beasley of St. Louis rendered a splendid reading. Thursday's session showed a continuation of the reports of the various committees and during an interval in this session, two solos were rendered by Sister H. McCoy, secretary of J. W. Hurse temple, 272, Kansas City.

The election of officers for the ensuing year were elected by acclamation, as follows, to wit:

Grand princess, Amelia J. Abington; vice grand princess, Jennie C. Buckner; grand secretary, Estella Diggs; assistant grand secretary, Bettie F. Johnson; grand treasurer, Clara E. Adams; grand chaplain, Lula J. Ball; grand junior marshall, Ella Mae Caston; grand senior marshal, Maggie Hopson; grand Joshua, Lula Sands; grand Zilla, Estella Allen; grand pilot, Malissa Richardson.

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School Fraternities.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority In Annual Meet At Howard U.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The delegates to the ninth annual convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority which met at Howard University last week

Scurlock Photo.

PHI BETA'S BIG MEETING BOOST TO LOUISVILLE

Prof. H. E. Craig, passing thru Louisville, having attended the 14th Annual Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at St. Louis, reports the greatest meeting of the organization. National and inter-racial questions were discussed. Some of the greatest Negroes of the U. S. were present, among them Albion L. Holsey, Secretary National Business and Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University. Our own Dr. A. C. Edwards, in bidding for the next meeting, gave Louisville a most eloquent boost. Among the many things he said for this city, we quote the following: "We invite you to Louisville, the great gateway city to the south; just near enough North to imbibe the commercial activity of that region; just far enough South to hold to that old time hospitality and chivalry fro which this section is famous. Louisville's business among Colored folk is as New York's business among the white folks; its banks, insurance companies, stores, shops, etc., cannot be surpassed anywhere in this conutry; its churches and homes, symbols of culture and refinement, are open to you. Come and visit our fertile valleys of undulating bluegrass which produces the finest horses in turfdom; in hale with us the fragrance of the sun-kissed rododendrum bloom ing on the slopes of the Cumberlands for the fairest women in all the world; the moon-stilled whiskey (old stuff) flows stealthily on for every mother's son of you. Will you come? Louisville bids you come.

Louisville won over all other contestants and will entertain the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity on its 15th Annual Conclave, December 1928.

Associated with this fraternity are some af America's most outstanding characters, many of which will be at the Louisville meeting.

Two shining lights of this fraternity, President Moton, of the Tuskegee Institute, Hon. James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peple, will likely be among the principal speakers.

We thank both the Phi Beta Sigma and Dr. Edwards for this treat. All of Louisville should give their full support to the Local Chapter in arranging to entertain such distinguished guests.

Watch this pape rfor additional information.

OMEGAS ACCEPT MADAM WALKER BID FOR 1928

Convention In New York Session Re-elects Most Of Old Officers

JUST, PICKENS, DREW ON THE HONOR ROLL

S. W. Rutherford Heads List Of Omega's Business Men

NEW YORK.—Fixing upon Indianapolis as the next meeting place, with sessions to be held in the new Madam Walker Auditorium, December 26 through 29, 1928, the Omega Psi Phi Conclave adjourned here December 31.

The convention voted unanimously in endorsement of the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters in their struggle, deciding to continue their Negro Achievement Project, which sponsors a week for turning attention to current Negro accomplishments by our racial organizations and schools.

The following national officers were elected for the current year: Grand Basileus, Julius S. McClain, Philadelphia, reelected; Vice Grand Basileus, Matthew Bullock, Boston; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Walter Mazycy, Washington, D. C., reelected; Grand Keeper of Fin-

ance, Daniel B. Taylor, Washington, D. C., reelected; Grand Marshal, W. E. Baugh, Indianapolis; Grand Chaplain, Louis A. Berry, Newark, N. J., reelected; Traveling Representatives, M. E. Proctor, A. W. Dent and J. J. Oswell, reelected.

The vote of the chapters of the year was as follows: 1. Graduate chapter that has done most for "Omega" (1st) Alpha Omega; (2nd) Beta Phi; (3rd) Nu Phi. 2. Omega man that has done most for "Omega" (1st) Walter H. Mazyck; (2nd) J. A. Atkins; (3rd) J. A. Thomas. 3. Most representative undergraduate chapter, (1st) Delta; (2nd) Kappa Psi; (3rd) Zeta. 4. Omega man that has done most for civilization, (1st) E. E. Just; (2nd) C. G. Woodson; (3rd) William Pickens. 5. Omega man that has accomplished most economically, (1st) S. W. Rutherford, business; (2nd) Paul R. Williams, architect. 6. Omega man that has accomplished most scientifically, E. E. Just. 7 Most outstanding Omega athlete during year, (1st) DeHart Hubbard; (2nd) Chas. Drew.

From Baltimore came Charles Drew, S. R. Edmonds, L. G. Koger, F. A. Love and E. N. Wilson.

From Washington came Walter Winters, Lincoln Johnson, Cato Adams, Mercer Cook, Walter Mazyck, Dutton Ferguson, Frank Jordan.

From Lincoln, Pa. came Hayes Burnett, Paul Boswell, Langston Hughes.

From Philadelphia: Daniel B. Taylor, Julius S. McClain, R. C. Smith, Dudley Nicholas, Oscar L. Cooper.

From Boston, Mass.: M. W. Bullock and Thomas Johnson.

From Salisbury, N. C.: Lindsay Mason, Samuel Daly.

From Petersburg, Va.: Luther P. Jackson and J. L. Hartwell.

From Durham, N. C.: A. P. Davis.

From Downingtown, Pa.: G. B. Lomax.

The fraternity was founded in 1911 by Oscar Cooper, Frank Coleman and Edgar Love at Howard University. Dr. E. E. Just was patron.

Today there are 78 chapters and 3,000 Omega men. Some 62 delegates attended the sessions.

Greeetings Cabled

A cablegram of greetings was received from William Dabney, member of Kappa Psi Chapter. Omega Psi Phi. the branch at Washington, D. C. Mr. Dabney is now studying at the University of Paris.

Sigmas Re-elect Arthur W. Mitchell

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (ANP)—The fourteenth annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity closed here yesterday with a sight-seeing tour and brilliant social function at the Peoples Finance Corporation Building.

Thirty of the fifty graduates and under-graduate chapters were represented and the sessions were serious discussions of the bigger and better business program of the fraternity as well as other matters. President Arthur W. Mitchell in his annual address reported many new chapters organized, and stated that more than $1,000 had been raised during the year including payments towards the Sigma-Haytian Fund.

Dr. M. W. Dogan, president Urley College, Marshall, Tex., and Albon L. Holsey, secretary, National Negro Business League, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., delivered special addresses.

Resolutions indorsing the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters were passed and the first week in April selected as the date for observing Negro Business Week.

The social functions included an evening at Lovejoy, Illinois, the unique and historic Negro town.

A special committee composed of President Arthur W. Michell, Dr. I. L. Scruggs, and Albon L. Holsey, was appointed to consider the plans for the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference in Indianapolis next Christmas.

The officers for 1928 are as follows: Arthur W. Mitchell, Washington, D. C. president; John A. Lewis, Howard University, secretary-treasurer; Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo, N. Y., editor; vice presidents: Thos. H. Reed, Portsmouth, Va., Dr. C. L. Roberts, Flint, Mich., C. V. Troup, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Earle Williams, Lovejov. Ill.

Mrs. Bobbie Scott Heads Alphas

Special to The Pittsburgh Courier.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 5. — In an interesting public session, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority auspiciously opened their tenth annual Boule in the St. James A. M. E. Church as guests of the Alpha Omega and Omega Chapter of Cleveland.

Honorable Clayborne George, councilman of the city of Cleveland, extended the official greetings to the convention. The annual message of the Supreme Basileus, Mrs. Pauline Simms-Puryear was the feature of the public session staged Tuesday evening. Service to the race was the keynote of her address.

Foreign Fellowship Awarded

The sorority, in their sessions, decided to award a foreign fellowship, and also to institute a "Vocational Guidance" program. The foreign fellowship would be awarded by a special fellowship committee of the sorority.

Representatives of more than 50 chapters from various sections of the country, including visitors and delegates were in attendance at the initial session, held Tuesday morning.

Officers Elected

The following national officers were elected: Mrs. Bobbie Scott of Washington, D. C., Basileus; Miss Zelma Watson, first Anti-Basileus; Miss Hazel Walker, second Anti-Basileus; Miss Ruth E. Weatherless, secretary, and Mrs. E. H. Lyle, treasurer.

The next annual meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn.

Many elaborate social affairs were given in honor of the visiting sorors.

School Fraternities.

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Dance Mad Collegians

After reading the pre-convention announcements of several college fraternities the AFRO advised delegates not to attend without dinner jackets and dance pumps.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was mentioned specifically as one fraternity which guaranteed its delegates a dance for each day of the gathering.

Further inquiry indicates that the Alphas have company. Take the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's "grand ball" in Richmond, Va., last week.—A semi-official report tells of five dances, a tea, a musicale and a banquet during the five day sessions.

Describing one of the two formal dances, the report recites:—"The hall was beautifully decorated—gold fish, ferns, birds, DIM lights and peeping flowers. The perfume of heaven permeated the atmosphere until day reminded us that we must come back to the realm of mortals."

In the report of the other formal dance it is stated "sisters and brothers danced until morning."

The question suggesting itself at once is how can the delegates "sniff the perfume of heaven" referred to above thru the night hours and then spend a full day transacting convention business.

The answer—they don't.

Alphas attacked the problem in their Cleveland Convention by cutting meeting days from five to three—a gentle hint to the dance hounds to work more and dance less.

The AFRO tentatively congratulates the Alphas. Suspicion is current however that the "heavenly sniffers" will not accept the hint gracefully. If they do, the congratulations stand. If not. the AFRO will be forced to a manful and honest retraction.

Alpha Phi Alphas Hold Great Session

(Special to The Pittsburgh Courier.)

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 5.—As a special feature of the twentieth annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in Cleveland, O., which convened last week in "The Convention City", Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., delivered a scholarly and pointed address at the annual public session held this year at the spacious Mt. Zion Congregational Temple. In his remarks he stressed scholarship, idealism and helpfulness toward one's fellow man.

Constructive Work Done

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, guests of Pi Chapter, which includes the Western Reserve University and the Case School of Applied Science, held one of the most successful and most constructive sessions in the history of the organization, according to the work done and statements of prominent national officers of the fraternity.

The general convention committee, members of Pi Chapter, who were actively engaged in entertaining the visiting delegates and brothers, was composed of the following: George E. Cohron, president of Pi Chapter, general chairman; Attorney Perry B. Jackson, Dr. Charles H. Garvin, Dr. Leon S. Evans, Dr. B. C. Styles, Attorney Selmo C. Glenn, Rev. Stanley E. Grannum and Messrs. Elmer J. Cheeks, Robert W. Brooks, W. Rogert Smalls, George P. Hinton, Harvey B. Atkins and Welcome T. Blue, Jr.

Welcomed by Mayor

Mayor John D. Marshall of the city of Cleveland delivered the official welcome to the visitors at the monster public meeting Wednesday evening. Dr. James A. Owens of the Kappa Alpha Psi and Miss Pearl Mitchell, Alpha Kappa Alpha, also made welcome speeches, to which Raymond W. Cannon, former general president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity responded.

The business sessions were held in the Mt. Zion Congregational Temple. Delegates and visitors from all parts of the country were present when the first assemblage was called to order by George E. Cochran, president of the local chapter. Welcome addresses were delivered Tuesday afternoon by Robert Brooks of Cleveland, Dr. B. A. Rose of Dayton, Attorney Oscar C. Brown of Chicago, Dr. Charles H. Garvin of Cleveland and the former national president, Raymond W. Cannon, of Minneapolis, Minn.

1928 Officers Elected

The newly elected officers are: Dr. B. Andrew Rose of Dayton, O., general president; Charles W. Greene, first vice president; Robert P. Daniel, second vice president; T. M. Berry, third vice president; Joseph H. B. Evans, general secretary; Percival R. Piper, general treasurer; Raymond W. Cannon, educational director, and Oscar C. Brown, editor of The Sphinx.

The organization decided by vote that the next annual session will be held in Philadelphia, Pa.

The annual banquet, held in the new Phyllis Wheatly Association Building, was the closing event of the conclave.

Brilliant social affairs featured the entertainment of the fraternity men during their sojourn in Cleveland.

Pilgrimage to Fowler Grave

As a tribute the delegates and members journeyed to Lakeview Cemetery Friday afternoon, where President Cannon placed a wreath upon the grave of the late Daniel D. Fowler, former national president.

Two Hundred Attend Convention

According to George P. Hinton, vice chairman, and W. R. Smalls, secretary of the local committee, approximately 200 delegates and visitors were in attendance at the convention. Other members of the local committee included: Dr. B. C. Styles, Attorney Selmo C. Glenn, Robert Brooks, Elmer J. Cheeks, Dr. Charles Garvin, Rev. S. E. Grannum, George Cohron, Attorney Perry B. Jackson, Dr. Leon S. Evans, Harvey B. Atkins and Welcome T. Blue, Jr.

Prominent Visitors

Among those visiting the convention were: Max Yergen of New York City, student secretary in foreign fields for the Y. M. C. A.; Channing Tobias of New York City, national Y. M. C. A. secretary; Gerald Allen, secretary of the Urban League, Canton, O.; Dr. Homer Cooper, Chicago, Ill.; Attorney R. P. Crawford, Jacksonville, Fla.; John Dancy, Urban League secretary, Detroit, Mich.; E. D. Downing, Roanoke, Va.; Dr. J. W. Dunbar, Akron, O.; A. W. Ferguson, Greensboro, N. C.; M. W. Fields, Chicago, Ill.; C. W. Florence, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. N. G. Glover, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. J. R. Henderson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. I. B. Isaacs, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. W. F. Jerrick, Philadelphia; Attorney E. M. Lancaster, Akron, O.; J. E. Mitchem, Chicago, Ill.; Attorney P. R. Piper, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. F. V. Plummer, Chicago, Ill.; C. W. Reeves, Atlanta, Ga.; H. T. Riley, Indianapolis, Ind.; W. R. Thronhill, Wilberforce, O.; A. W. Ward, Denver, Col.; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Howard University; T. B. Hamilton, Pittsburgh, Pa., and L. T. Young, Washington, D. C.

Sigma Gamma Rho Have Big Meeting

By Lee L. Brown

(Special to The Pittsburgh Courier.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 5.—The National Convention of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority assembled for its third annual convention in Louisville, Ky., on December 26, 27 and 28th. The following delegates were present: Mrs. Evelyn Briscoe, Miss Edyth Roach, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Frances Davis, Indianapolis; Miss Bertha Black, Terre Haute, Ind.; Miss Josephine Edwards, Wilberforce, O.; Mrs. Florida Leek, Gary, Ind.; Miss Naomi Anthony, Miss Margaret Taylor, Louisville; Miss Urnestine Bell, Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Jane Fester, Cleveland, O.

The following officers were elected for 1928: President, Mrs. Fannie O'Bannon, Louisville; Vice President, Miss Maude Merriwether, Indianapolis; Secretary, Miss Vivian Howard, Cleveland, O.; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Florida Leeke, Gary, Ind.; Treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Edwards, Indianapolis; Sergeant-at-Arms, Miss Margaret Taylor, Louisville; Chairman of Board of Directors, Miss Vivian White, Indianapolis; Members of Board of Directors, Miss Jane Fester, Cleveland, O., Miss Bertha Black, Terre Haute, Ind., Miss Josephine Edwards, Wilberforce, O., and Mrs. Homer Wheeler, Elgin, Ill.

There were many social affairs given for the visiting delegates, including a reception at the home of the Misses Nugent, a tea by the Alpha Kappa sorority, sight-seeing tour, the courtesy of The Omega Phi Phi fraternity, also the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and a prom by the local chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

Miss Urnestine Bell of Atlanta, Ga., was elected as National Organizer and Miss Naomi Anthony as Deputy Organizer, Louisville, Ky., also Mrs. Delight Hinton, Indianapolis, Ind. The next place of meeting has not been decided.

Sigmas Close "Best" Session

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—(By A. N. P.)—The Fourteenth annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity closed here yesterday with a sight-seeing tour and brilliant social function at the Hoopes Finance Corporation Building.

Thirty of the fifty graduate and undergraduate chapters were represented and the sessions were serious discussions of the Bigger and Better Business program of the fraternity as well as other matters. President Arthur W. Mitchell in his annual address reported many new chapters organized, and stated that more than $10,000 had been raised during the year including payments toward the Sigma-Haytian Fund.

Dr. M. W. Dogan, president Urley College, Marshall, Tex., and Albon L. Holsey, secretary, National Negro Business League, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., delivered special addresses. Mr. Holsey outlined the new program of the National Negro Business League and in discussing the future of Negro business advocated co-operative buying among Negro retailers to meet chain store competition; development of better selling methods by individual study or local study groups; more and better advertising; and capital availability through centralization of the Negro's financial resources.

Resolutions indorsing the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters were pressed and the first week in April selected as the date for observing Bigger and Better Business Week.

The social functions included an evening at Lovejoy, Ill., the unique and historic Negro town. Dr. Earle Williams, prominent surgeon and leader of Lovejoy, was host on the occasion.

A special committee composed of President Arthur W. Mitchell, Dr. I. L. Scruggs and Albon L. Holsey was appointed to consider the plans for the proposed Pan-Hellenic Conference in Indianapolis nex Christmas.

The officers for 1928 are as follows: Arthur W. Mitchell, Washington, D. C., president; John A. Lewis, Howard University, secretary-treasurer; Dr. I. L. Scruggs Buffalo, N. Y., Editor. Vice Presidents: Thos. H. Reed, Portsmouth Va.; Dr. C. L. Roberts, Flint Mich.; C. V. Troup, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Earle Williams, Lovejoy, Ill.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI TAKE "MOTOR CITY"

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 5.—The 17th annual convention of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity closed in Detroit Friday night with the formal prom. Delegates were registered at the business sessions from 22 states and represented every section of the country.

Particularly significant were the addresses of Bishop Geo. C. Clement, Louisville, Ky., who preached the annual sermon at the Second Baptist Church Christmas Day, in which he made a scholarly plea for unselfish leadership on the part of college trained Negroes and after reviewing what Negroes had achieved, predicted that what had been accomplished was as nothing compared to the future if the college men would possess the moral stamina exhibited by the older Negroes, as well as their new intellectual resourcefulness.

On Monday night Dr. Harold Lynn Hough, pastor of the largest downtown church in Detroit, author and traveller, made an eloquent appeal for opportunity, justice, fairplay and a man's chance for the Negro. His earnestness and straightforwardness won his audience.

A resolution was passed by the convention pledging the support of the fraternity to the effort of the Brother of Sleeping Car Porters to gain an equitable wage scale and better working conditions. "The time has come when college men cannot afford to stand aloof from these practical and pressing problems," said Grand Polemarch Earl B. Dickerson in speaking of the resolution, "and when one thinks that a considerable portion of the college trained Negroes in America earned their way by working on the railroad, it is natural that we should direct our attention to helping adjust the grievances of these men."

The fraternity went on record as endorsing the idea of a Pan-Hellenic of Negro fraternities and sororities and voted to meet in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1928, as the guest of the Indianapolis Alumni and Nu chapters. Alpha Chapter of Indiana University joined in the invitation.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand Polemarch, Archie A. Alexander, Des Moines, Ia.; Senior Vice Grand Polemarch, Dr. Jesse J. Peters, U. S. Veterans Hospital No. 91, Tuskegee, Ala.; Junior Vice Grand Polemarch, F. L. Forbes, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; Grand Keeper of Records and Exch., J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Ill.; Strategus, Geo. Woolridge, West Virginia Collegiate Institute, Institute, W. Va.; Lt. Strategus, Chas. H. Fisher, Detroit, Mich.; Grand Historian, Prof. Geo. F. David, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, O.; Grand Board of Directors, Geo. E. C. Hayes, Washington; A. M. Shearin, Durham, N. C.; H. A. Tynes, New York, N. Y., and R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis, Ind.; Atty. Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago, Ill., who has been Grand Polemarch for the past three years, refused to be renominated.

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NEGRO PYTHIANS IN SESSION HERE

Assets of Grand Lodge Are $549,334, Report of Chancellor

Reports of officers and committees featured the Tuesday sessions of the annual convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Louisiana, (negro). The sessions were held in the Pythian Temple, Saratoga and Gravier streets.

The report of S. W. Green, grand chancellor, showed that since 1894 the endowment department of the lodge has paid death claims to widows and orphans totaling $1,143,334.41. For the last fiscal year the department received $112,075.74 and paid claims totaling $63,427.80.

In his report Chancellor Green declared that the affairs of the organization have been conducted in a business-like and economical manner. The endowment department was operated for less than 1.5 per cent of its receipts. The total assets of the lodge are $549,334.15, not including the temple which was constructed at a cost of $352,086.

Better hospital facilities for Louisiana negroes were urged by Dr. B. F. Easter, grand medical officer of the lodge. He declared that his department was working to reduce the alarmingly high death rate of the organization and that this work could be better furthered by the creation of greater hospital facilities. He urged the order to erect a hospital for its membership.

At the meeting of the grand court, Order of Calathe, being held in connection with the Pythian convention Cora M. Allen, Shreveport, the leader, reported that the order had paid 112 death claims during the year that totaled $33,187.50.

Past Supreme Chancellor E. D. Williams addressed the Pythians Tuesday afternoon.

At the final session to be held tonight in the Pythian Temple Robert W. Bagnall, New York, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be the principal speaker.

ALPHAS REFUSE INVITATION TO INDIANAPOLIS

Greek Letter Society Selects Philly—Social Activities To Be Cut

WOULD CURB USE OF FRATERNITY PINS

Appearance Of White Telephone Girl With One Too Much For Delegates

CLEVELAND, O., (Special)—Invitation of the Mme. C. J. Walker Company to hold its next annual session in Indianapolis was declined with thanks by the Alpha Phi Alpha College fraternity in session here last week.

The 2023 convention voted to meet next year in Philadelphia.

The Walker Company had invited all college groups to its new building for a combined session next January.

"It sounds like an advertisement stunt," said one delegate and the proposition was voted down.

Aim Blow At AFRO

Cognizance was taken by the convention of an editorial in the AFRO-AMERICAN of December 24th declaring that a dinner jacket and dancing pumps were required of all frat deelgates to the A. P. A. The convention voted to make its convention three days instead of five in order to save expenses and put a curb on social activities of delegates.

A resolution was also passed requiring "all e-general officers of the fraternity to refrain from public utterances."

Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO, is a one-time general officer of the fraternity.

Curb On Pins Too

The convention also voted to place a ban on the free distribution of fraternity pins by its members. One young woman was found with three A. P. A. fratearnity pins and when it was reported to the convention that a white telephone girl was wearing one, delegates voted that hereafter such pins shall be the property of the general organization and only loaned to the individual members. No female shall wear such a pin unless she is the mother, sister, fiancee or wife.

45 Chapters Represented

Some 78 delegates from 45 chapters were in attendance together with 225 visitors from various colleges. From Howard University came Deckle McLain and Dr. Charles Wesley; from Lincoln University, Richard Hurst Hill; from Morgan College, Bascom Slemp Waugh; from Baltimore, Dr. J. H. Hilburn and Maurice Moss; from Philadelphia, Dr. Joseph Jerricks, Dr. Douglass Murray, Dr. M. Winters and Dr. M. Moss; from New York, Miles Page and Maceo Smith; from New Haven, Conn., Dr. Richard Fleming.

Max Yergan Made

Max Yergan, Y. M. C. A. executive secretary of Africa, was elected to honorary membership.

Robert Ogle and P. J. Kelly, of Tuskegee, two of the seven men who founded the fraternity 20 years aago, were guests at the convention.

Officers Elected

Dr. Raymond Cannon, of Minneapolis, declined reelection as president and was succeeded by Dr. Burt A. Rose, of Dayton, O. Mr. Cannon was elected director of the Go-To-High School, Go-To-College Movement.

Other officers elected are C. S. Greene, Atlanta, first vice president; J. Daniels, Union University, Richmond, Va., second; Howard Berry, Athens, O.; third; Joe Evans, Atlanta, secretary; Paul Piper, Detroit, treasurer; Oscar Brown, editor of the Sphinx; Raymond Cannon, director of the Go-To-High School, Go-To-College Movement; Perry Howard Cleveland, Richard Hill, Baltimore Miles Page, N. Y., trustees.

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OMEGAS HAVE FINE MEETING IN N. Y

By CLEVELAND G. ALLEN

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 5.—"Negro college fraternities should be exclusive and maintain an aristocracy based upon scholarship and merit," declared Prof. William Pickens, in an address before a public session of the sixteenth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, at Mother Zion A. M. E. Church last Thursday evening. Prof. Pickens was the principal speaker at the meeting, which was the annual public meeting of the fraternity, which was largely attended. Delegates in attendance at the conclave from the various chapters of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity were present at the meeting, together with large delegations from the various college fraternities and sororities here. Rev. Louis Berry of Newark, grand chaplain, gave the invocation. Ira De Reid of the local chapter, and grand marshall, made a brief introductory address in which he told of the aims and ideals of the Omega fraternity. Mrs. Etnah Rochon Boutte, speaking on behalf of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, said that members of college fraternities and sororities should cultivate a respect for others and should seek to be of service to others. She told of the inspiration that older men and women in Greek societies can be to the boys and girls of the race.

Addresses of welcome on behalf of the Alpha Kappa Sorority, was made by Miss Thelma Berlack; on behalf of the Alpha Phi Alpha, by James H. Hubert and the Phi Beta Sigma, by Dr. A. Winston Scott. Julius S. McClain, grand basileus, made the response to the addresses of welcome.

Thomas Johnson of Boston, Mass., sang a solo. Rev. E. A. Love of Annapolis, Md., and one of the founders of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity made an address on "The Negro Thinks." He said in the course of his address that "The Negro must think constructively if he is to succeed.

"The race has no time to dream. The Negro's contribution to civilization should be to think into that civilization, and to give its spiritual values. Negro college fraternities are teaching the Negro to think."

Langston Hughes of Lincoln University read several of his poems, and Andrew Taylor, baritone, gave a group of songs. Prof. Pickens, who was the principal speaker, was presented by the grand marshall of the fraternity, Ira De Reid. Prof. Pickens said in the course of his address: "The Negro Greek letter societies shouldn't apologize for their existence, and for being known as an exclusive society. They should maintain an aristocracy based upon merit. This merit should be on the basis of scholarship and attainments. Negro Greek letter societies should strive always to uphold standards. The best incentive that fraternities can be to the college students is to maintain the highest possible standards. The men who have made up Omega Psi Phi fraternity have been more progressive than any other college group.

"A great many colleges are slow to admit Omega chapters, because of the progressiveness of its members, and their radical views.

"It is a good thing to be known as radical sometimes," said Prof. Pickens. "The Negro is not radical enough. We must have an aggressive and progressive program. College fraternities can encourage the development of art."

Prof. Pickens said that the development of the real fraternity spirit lies in the undergraduate chapters, and said that more encouragement should be given to these chapters. He said that a Negro college man was a better race man in proportion as he is a loyal member of his college fraternity. "Our class spirit must not cause us to lose interest in the larger questions of the day," said Prof. Pickens.

"Our fraternities should be an aristocracy of brains, culture and attainments," said the speaker. The sixteenth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity was held here from December 26 to 31. Sixty delegates, representing the 78 chapters of the fraternity, was in attendance at the convention. Headquarters was at the Walker Studio, but the business sessions of the convention were held at St. Mark's M. E. Church. The members of the local chapter, who were host to the convention made ample preparation for the entertainment of the visitors. The business sessions were characterized with a spirit of harmony, and many vital matters pertaining to the social, economic and intellectual betterment of the race engaged the attention of the convention. The convention went on record as being opposed to every form of discrimination and injustices practiced upon the Negro.

The delegates to the convention were formally welcomed to the city by a pre-conclave smoker held at the Walker studio. On Tuesday an informal symposium on "The Omega of 1928" was held at the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria. Addresses were made by the delegates on the work that should engage the attention of the fraternity during the year. The report from the various chapters told of the work that the fraternity was doing in the various communities where they are located. During the week of the convention there were many brilliant social features that added to the enjoyment of the visitors.

Among the outstanding social features were the basketball game between the Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi, held on Tuesday evening, the annual formal open dance on Wednesday evening, at the Renaissance Casino, reception to the delegates at the Club Ebony, open house to the visitors at the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity house, dance tendered by the Phi Beta Sigma at Laurel Garden, the formal annual banquet held at the Cafe Boulevard on Friday evening, the basketball game on Saturday afternoon between Omega and the Alpha Phi Alpha at the Renaissance Casino, and a tendered on New Year's Monday by the Kappa Alpha Psi, at the Walker studio. The Omega men began arriving in New York on Christmas day and expressed to the writer the pleasure they were receiving from their visit here.

The convention closed on Saturday with "on to Indianapolis" as its slogan for 1928. The fraternity endorsed the movement of Mme. Lelia Walker of the Pan Hellenic convention of Greek letter societies to meet in Indianapolis next year. The Omega Psi Phi fraternity was founded at Howard University, on November 17, 1911, by Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman. It was the first chapter of a Greek letter society to be founded in a Negro institution.

There are 78 chapters, located in leading colleges and universities. There are more than 3,000 members of the Omega fraternity.

According to the vote of the various fraternity chapters the honor roll of the year is as follows: The graduate chapters that have done most for Omega, are Alpha Omega, Beta Phi and Nu Phi. The Omega men that has done most for Omega are Walter H. Mazyck, J. A. Atkins and J. A. Thomas. Most representative undergraduate chapters, Delta, Kappa Psi and Zeta. Omega men that have done most for civilization, are E. E. Just, C. G. Woodson and William Pickens. Omega that have accomplished most economically, are S. W. Rutherford, in business, and Paul R. Williams, architect. Omega man that has accomplished most scientifically is E. E. Just. Most outstanding Omega athletes during the year are DeHart Hubband and Charles Drew. This is the honor roll of 1927.

The national officers of the fraternity for the year 1927 were: Grand basileus, Julius S. McClain, Philadelphia, Pa.; vice grand basileus, J. D. Stewart, Louisville, Ky.; editor of the Oracle, J. P. Murchison, Houston, Tex.; grand keeper of records and seal, Walter H. Mazyck, Washington, D. C.; grand keeper of finance, Daniel R. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; grand marshall, Ira De Reid, New York; grand chaplain, Louis A. Berry, Newark. The new officers of the fraternity who were elected Saturday too late to go out with this story will be mentioned next week.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA GATHERS FOR 21ST ANNUAL SESSION

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which is recognized as the oldest College Fraternity among our group, chose as their meeting place for the year 1928, the City of Brotherly Love, thereby accepting the invitation extended them by Phi Beta Psi, the two chapters of the General Organization located in Philadelphia. Almost from the time of the close of the last Convention the Committees of the entertaining chapters have been at work sparing no pains to make preparations for what is regarded as the most significant Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Important Problems to be Discussed

Each year the Conventions of Alpha Phi Alpha have brought to the fore the importance of many of the problems affecting both undergraduate as well as graduate life, and with the constant growth of the Fraternity it has been necessary to give very definite attention to these problems. Scholarship of undergraduates belonging to the Fraternity and means of raising the standard of scholarship for all chapters will be discussed as well as problems that come with the establishment of chapter houses at the seats of various chapters. One of the most significant contributions to chapter house programs is being made by the Beta Mu-Lambda Corporation of Washington, D. C. and they will tell something of the method by which they successfully established what is regarded as one of the finest chapter houses among our fraternity groups. At the last Convention Alpha Phi Alpha created the office of Director of Education and it is expected that the report of Raymond W. Cannon, the Director will bring out the ways in which the fraternity has entered into the communities and of the nation.

Large Attendance Expected

The Annual Conventions of Alpha Phi Alpha have come to be regarded by its members as the yearly opportunity to exchange greetings with brothers from all over the country. From a meager beginning of 7 members in 1906 the fraternity has grown so that this year it numbers on its rosters 82 chapters located from California on the West to the Extreme Eastern Coast, and from Florida on the South to the New England States with a total membership of over 3000. Practically every chapter will send delegates to the 21st Annual Convention and along with these will come a host of visiting brothers together with their families and friends. Many of these visitors to the Convention will include members of the fraternity who are outstanding figures in religious, educational and business circles. Dr. R. A. Rose, the National President, has announced that the principal speaker for the public meeting will be Bishop John W. Gregg of the A. M. E. Church.

Phi Beta Sigmas To Meet

Next Week In the City of Louisville, Ky.

15TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Fraternity Gains 4000 Members in 13 Years

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18—An event of unusual interest to the visiting fraters at the 15th annual convention of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity at Louisville, Ky., December

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27th to 30th, inclusive, will be a sight-seeing [illegible] December 30th which will include special patriotic services at the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln.

This service will close the days of constructive work along civic and economic lines, and many other features for [illegible] and information of the visiting fraters which are being planned by Epsilon Beta Sigma and Tau Chapters of Louisville, hosts of the convention.

The office of the National president Hon. Arthur W. Mitchell, attorney-at-law, of Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Ill., has issued the program for the national meet. It contains the names of many notable speakers of local and national fame.

On Wednesday, after a public reception to be given by the citizens of Louisville, at Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. church, the principal speaker the evening will be the Hon. Wm. Harrison, mayor of Louisville.

The program, at a civic mass meeting to be held on Friday, December 28th, will include the following speakers: Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, Evansville, Ind., national president of the National Association of Colored Women, who will discuss "Women's Contribution to Fraternal Life"; Dr. Alain LeRoy Locke, Howard University, a member of the fraternity, whose subject will be "African Mandates;" and addresses by Hon. F. D. Sampson Governor of Kentucky and Hon. F. M. Sackett, United States Senator from Kentucky.

In addition to the social affairs planned by the local Phi Beta Sigma chapters, the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will be the hosts of the visiting fraters, and later the Eta Omega Chapter of A. K. A. Sorority will be hostess es in honor of the conclave at a reception.

The 15th annual convention of Phi Beta Sigma marks another stride forward in the ideals as expressed at its conception, as later worked out by its leaders, and as especially invigorated by the present administration.

The report of the 14th annual conclave at St. Louis in December, 1927 was a far cry from the beginning of Phi Beta Sigma which was founded by A. Langston Taylor, L. F. Morse, and C. I. Brown at Howard University on January 9th, 1914. The progress of the fraternity during the year since the last meeting has been even more remarkable.

These thirteen years have witnessed its expansion from a membership of twelve brothers in one chapter to a membership of more than 4000, embracing 52 active chapters, founded upon the principles of brotherhood, service and scholarship, which are summed up in its motto: "Culture for Service, and Service For Humanity," it has retained its ideals, yet has been able to build up a substantial internal organization, sponsoring a program of economic development as the best solution of the problems of the Negro group.

Hand in hand with the promotion of Bigger and Better Business, Phi Beta Sigma has encouraged scholarship of the highest type, and has declared itself in favor of unrestricted civic opportunity.

Phi Beta Sigma sponsors two major projects: first, the Bigger and Better Business movement, which was inaugurated at Philadelphia in 1924; second the appointment and financing of a Haitian-Virgin Island Commission. The latter program, the most advanced step yet taken by a fraternity, was submitted by the national president, Attorney Arthur W. Mitchell, and is international in scope.

According to the original plan, "the new project is to send a commission to Haiti and the Virgin Islands to make a thorough study and investigation of the conditions which are alleged to exist there, and upon returning to the United States, make a report of their findings along with recommendations to the proper authorities at Washington."

The importance of the Bigger and Better Business movement, and the service it might be to the race was endorsed at the last convention by Albon L. Holsey, secretary to Tuskegee Institute, and secretary of the National Negro Business League.

Among other things, Mr. Holsey said that of the $4,000,000.00 spent by Negroes for food and clothing, only one-half of one per cent of each dollar is spent with Negro business. If it were diverted into the channels of Negro trade, it would require six hundred thousand persons to handle this enormous business. Recognizing the need of boosting economic development, Sigma, through the interest of its graduate chapters and the guidance of its college chapters, stands pledged to help foster a new era in Negro business.

Much of the phenomenal expansion of Beta Sigma is attributed to the cooperation of the national officers. The present administration has been marked by harmony and oneness of purpose The national officers are: Hon. Arthur W. Mitchell, Washington, D. C., president; C. V. Troupe, Atlanta, Ga. T. L. Roberts, Flint Mich.; T. H. Reid Portsmouth, Va.: vice presidents; Prof J. W. Lewis, Howard University, secretary-treasurer; Dr. I. L. Scruggs Buffalo, N. Y., editor of the Crescent the national organ of Phi Beta Sigma